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16th Annual Minden TimberFest A Chopping Success

Forty-seven Jack and Jills from eastern Canada and the USA competed in the 16th annual Minden Timberfest Event held at the fairgrounds on Saturday.

Announcer Bill Deba kept spectators well informed as participants sawed, chopped and climbed their way through 15 events in an attempt to take home some of the \$5,000 purse.

The 2008 overall Minden Timberfest male winner was Dave Jewett of New York. He was in fact, tied with Paul Pfenninger also from NY, but had more first place finishes in the points total. Anne Derry of Ajax, ON was the top female competitor.

As with most sports, the best timber-sport athletes travel the world to compete in major events, some even making a living with their axes and saws. Ireland will host this year's world championship.

Between events at the fairgrounds on Saturday, Roger MacPhee of Petitcodiac, NB, kept the crowd entertained with his comical antics and chain-



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Save a Bus, Ride a Bike



Students and Parents Participate in Second Annual 'Bike to School' Event

Students skipped going on the school bus this past Wednesday to take advantage of their bicycles.

In the second annual "Bike to School" event held by the Cycling Coalition, students from Stuart Baker Elementary School (SBES) along with parents began their trek from Head Lake Park in Haliburton and finished at the school. ■



Testing Your Water for Uranium Content *A Cautionary Tale*

Liz Daniels
Staff Reporter

"If you're
consuming
well water day
in & day out
in the area, no
good
will come
of it." (Linda
Hicks, Eels
Lake)

Uranium and all the issues surrounding its exploration, development and use remains a hot topic in Haliburton County. As the price of fuel rises and governments look for alternative sources of energy, it seems to become harder and harder to pin experts down on health concerns related to uranium. Scientists continue to debate both sides of the argument. Here is one story from a Haliburton family that brings the issue right into the light.

If Linda Hicks has a message for everyone in the County and beyond, it would be to have your water tested in your homes or cottages. The Hicks family has been spending their summers on Eels Lake for a number of years. They also lived at their cottage for 14 consecutive months in 2001-02. The cottage is very close to the old Dyno (uranium) Mine site. Coincidentally or not, the family has found that they all have extremely high levels of uranium in their bodies.

According to Hicks they drilled their well in 2000. At the time the well was drilled water testing did show elevated levels of bacteria, something she says isn't uncommon right after a well is drilled. Subsequent sampling showed no further indications of bacteria. However, in continuing efforts to discover the source of their problems, additional samples taken to check for uranium indicated they were just over the acceptable levels set by the province. Hicks says despite this the water was deemed by government agencies to be safe to drink.

Hicks has been having problems for years with her kidneys and liver. She couldn't process her food properly and despite medical doctors saying they couldn't find anything wrong with her, she continued to have problems eating. Hicks also discovered that her problems

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Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

"In a strange way I'm grateful to Bancroft Uranium for what's happened."
(Roger Young)

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>> were being encountered after spending the summer at the family cottage. She would start to drop weight and have increasing problems with food but medically no one could figure out why. Hicks, who has three sons, says all of the

family have had medical problems of one sort or another, but one son in particular was having hormonal problems. According to Hicks, high concentrations of uranium in your body can affect your endocrine system which controls hormones.

The family decided to have hair analyses done and despite assurances that their water was safe, they found extremely high concentrations of uranium in all of their bodies. Hicks said since then they've had a number of consultations trying to determine the best path to follow.

Half of the family is working with an MD in Toronto, trying a process called Chelation to remove the uranium from their systems. Chelation therapy is the administration of certain agents to remove heavy metals from the body. It is also a process used in both conventional and alternative medicine to prevent and treat hardening of the arteries and other degenerative illnesses. The doctor the family is working with has had success chelating both lead and mercury in a number of cases, but the extent of success with the Hicks family has not yet been determined.

The rest of the family is working with a Natural Health Practitioner in Port Perry. They are following a six-month program before proceeding with another hair analysis. According to Hicks their organ functions will be closely monitored during this process.

Hicks said, "I've been reading a lot from the Canadian Coalition of Nuclear Responsibility and our doctor's work mimics theirs. I've also been speaking with the Canadian Nuclear Safety Board that says our water is safe to drink, but the results of the hair analysis indicate to me that it's not safe at all!" Hicks says she's tried to engage various government agencies including the Ministry of the Environment and Haliburton-Kawartha-Pine Ridge Health Unit Haliburton with very little or no response. (The HKPR tests private well water only for e-coli and coliform. If consumers wish to have metal content evaluated it must do so at a private lab).

"If you look at us, you can't see that there's any problem." She adds however, "If you're consuming well water day in and day out in the area, no good will come of it. We're not drinking the water any more and if you are, you're opening yourselves up to the possibility of cancer, blood disorders and kidney failure."

Hicks says, "We just want people to check their wells out."

Hicks also said, "People who get cancer don't usually check to see what caused it. They just proceed with the recommended

treatment. This is a uranium rich part of Ontario and it should be a concern for everyone in the area." Hicks conceded that it's hard to determine if the levels of uranium in their bodies is due to natural occurrences or has been caused by past mining activity in the area.

According to Hicks uranium is very unstable, but when

standard e-coli or bacteria tests which have always indicated that his water is safe.

"I haven't fallen over dead yet," says Young, but adds that he believes there may be potential for health risks in the future, primarily for families with young children who are more susceptible. He says he's prepared to do a full scale test for heavy metals and other substances. "I think I need to run a broad based test to decide what filters to put in place. It will likely cost me several hundred dollars to have my system checked but I think it's money well spent."

"I didn't realize when I got my property that it was in an area that has some pretty fair concentrations of uranium in the ground. It didn't cross my mind at all at the time," said Young. "I'm not sure even now how huge a problem it is if the uranium is buried in its natural state. After all, people have lived here with their animals for centuries. But to find such high concentrations of uranium in my water is of concern to me, so I'll be doing more testing. There are ways to deal with it and I'll be putting in a filtering system."

Young says, "I don't like the staking being done or the fact that the mine may go ahead, but in a strange way I'm grateful to Bancroft Uranium for what's happened. It caused me to find a problem that I would have been oblivious to otherwise."

"A lot of people may have the same problem and should give it some serious thought. Some test results seem to be fine and people with shallow wells don't seem to have problems nor does most lake water. It's the people with deep wells that could be running a risk. I've seen some results come back with two or three times the maximum

acceptable amounts. The presence of uranium may also suggest the possibility of radon gas and exposure to either over time can lead to serious illness."

In addition, Young says that the samples indicating high levels of uranium are spread right across Highlands East where there

are many naturally occurring uranium deposits. His message is, "If you're

living in Haliburton and want to be sure, do the extra tests for the sake of your kids, no matter what lake your home or cottage is on."

Robin Simpson, co-founder of FUME says he has spoken with several families who have serious medical problems that they are attributing to uranium. They too have found small amounts of uranium in their wells but very high levels of uranium in their bodies. Simpson says he will be tracking these situations and trying to establish contacts with organizations that can help.

Simpson said, "I've thought a lot about how uranium mining can affect real estate values, but the health issues I'm hearing about trump any real estate concerns."

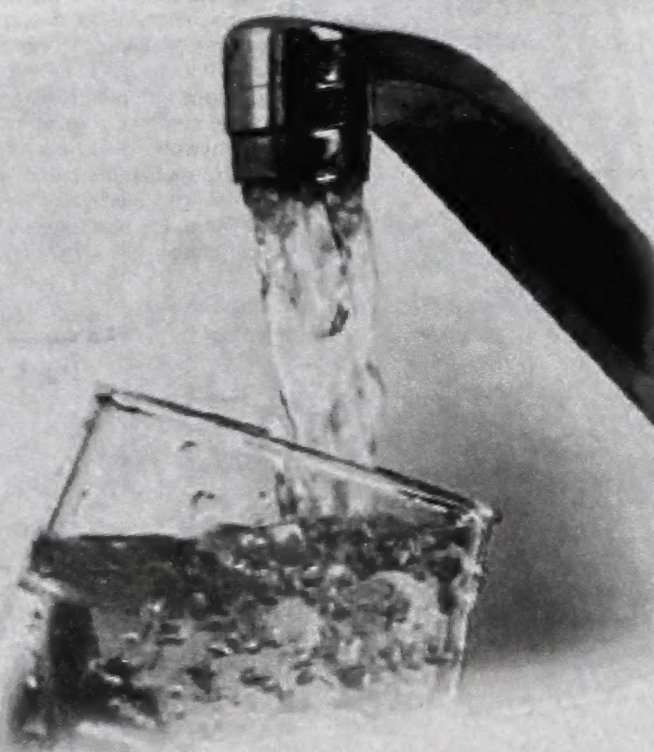
With respect to real estate, Simpson has been looking into methods of remediation and how it has affected the American real estate market. "In the States remediation is required by law wherever radon gas or concentrated uranium levels are found. There have been no issues around value, other than the perception about mining in any particular area."

"Morally, I think our government has been incredibly remiss in not notifying people in the area of the dangers of uranium and radon gas."

Simpson also said, "Millions of dollars have been spent on real estate here and I believe people should have been given the information they needed to make a wise decision on where to put their cottage. People should be advised that the health issues are real and that they should be testing their wells."

"Aside from the issues around mining itself, the government has a moral obligation to advise people in the area about the natural occurrences of uranium. Some people think that uranium in the ground in its natural state or even taking it out of the ground is harmless. The proof, however, is in the pudding! If uranium is causing problems without being dug up, it is obviously going to be a concern when it is dug up."

The message from all three is clear. Get your water tested (if you can afford it.)■



it finally does become stable it turns into lead. She says that her son, who has the highest levels of uranium

in his body (25 times the upper reference range set by the lab) has extremely high levels of lead in his system as well.

The Hicks family has had a fair amount of out-of-pocket expense throughout this process. She says, "I think the expense holds people back from getting tested. Some people simply don't know where to start and others just don't want to know."

Roger Young on Little Glamour Lake has the same message to relay. "Get your water tested."

Young's greatest concern when he heard about the potential for mining activity in the area was open pit mining or what he calls "an environmental disaster". He says, "Going back as far as 40 years ago I got acquainted with nuclear energy. I only had a basic understanding of the health issues being reported and they were all refuted at the time by the government. Even now I hesitate to say I'm only moderately informed, particularly when scientists all continue to argue both sides of the fence."

Young says that it's only recently that he became more concerned about health issues, in large part due to government agencies now agreeing that old mine sites must be monitored for the next 1000 years. "Now that sends a message!" he says. "I've also learned about a number of health issues from people who have used uranium tailings for their foundations."

According to Young, FUME (Fight Uranium Mining & Exploration) has been doing well-testing to try to establish base line information in the area. This information will assist in making comparisons to determine whether water sources have been contaminated by mining activity in the area.

"Some of us have already have found levels of uranium or radioactive materials in our well water and in some cases they are far from acceptable concentrations." Young's well is one where the levels of uranium far exceed what is considered to be safe.

Ironically, Young says if it hadn't been for the recent mining hype, he wouldn't have had his water tested other than for the

"The proof is in the pudding!"
(Robin Simpson)

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SATURDAY



Cloudy with widely scattered showers
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SUNDAY



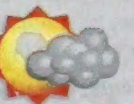
Mostly cloudy with more scattered showers
▲ 21° ▼ 11°

MONDAY



Mostly cloudy with scattered showers
▲ 22° ▼ 11°

TUESDAY



Partly cloudy and milder
▲ 24° ▼ 13°

WEDNESDAY



Mostly sunny and beautiful
▲ 26° ▼ 14°

AROUND THE REGION: An upper-level area of low pressure will linger over the area through the weekend and into Monday. As a result, clouds and widely scattered showers will be experienced through Monday. Highs will rise from the middle teens on Thursday to the low 20s by Monday. Sunshine returns to the area by Tuesday and Wednesday.

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June 14, 2008

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Bonus Number 34

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Bancroft	16/5/sh	18/8/sh	21/10/sh	21/11/sh	22/11/sh	24/13/pc	26/14/su
Barrie	17/6/sh	19/8/sh	21/11/sh	21/11/sh	22/12/sh	25/13/ts	27/15/su
Dorset	16/4/sh	18/8/sh	21/10/sh	21/11/sh	21/11/sh	24/13/pc	26/14/su
Haliburton	16/6/sh	18/8/sh	21/11/sh	21/11/sh	22/11/sh	24/13/pc	26/14/su
Huntsville	16/4/sh	18/8/sh	21/10/sh	21/11/sh	21/11/sh	24/13/pc	26/14/su
Kingston	18/6/sh	19/9/sh	22/12/sh	22/12/sh	23/12/sh	26/14/pc	27/16/su
Lindsay	17/6/sh	18/8/sh	22/11/sh	22/11/sh	23/12/sh	25/13/pc	27/14/su
Minden	16/6/sh	18/8/sh	21/11/sh	21/11/sh	22/11/sh	24/13/pc	26/14/su
Oshawa	18/7/sh	18/9/sh	23/12/sh	23/12/sh	23/12/sh	26/14/ts	27/16/su
Ottawa	17/6/sh	18/7/sh	22/11/sh	22/11/sh	23/12/sh	26/17/pc	27/17/su
Toronto	18/6/sh	20/9/sh	23/12/sh	23/12/sh	24/12/sh	26/14/ts	28/16/su

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Low/Otk	Friday Hi/Low/Otk	Saturday Hi/Low/Otk	Sunday Hi/Low/Otk	Monday Hi/Low/Otk	Tuesday Hi/Low/Otk	Wednesday Hi/Low/Otk
Calgary	19/13/pc	22/7/su	24/10/pc	20/12/pc	19/9/cl	19/8/cl	21/7/pc
Edmonton	22/9/ts	24/12/pc	23/12/pc	23/12/sh	23/16/dz	20/8/ra	20/7/sh
Fredericton	19/9/sh	18/8/ts	19/9/sh	23/15/sh	22/16/ra	22/14/sh	21/13/pc
Halifax	21/11/sh	19/10/cl	21/12/pc	20/17/ra	19/16/ra	17/13/dz	18/12/pc
Montreal	18/7/sh	19/8/sh	22/12/sh	22/12/sh	23/12/sh	26/17/pc	27/18/su
Regina	26/9/pc	28/13/pc	28/17/pc	31/17/cl	28/16/cl	23/12/ra	21/9/cl
St. John's	19/10/sh	21/11/sh	19/12/pc	11/8/cl	11/9/cl	10/10/sh	9/7/sh
Saskatoon	24/8/ts	23/8/pc	27/15/pc	25/13/sh	26/13/dz	26/12/cl	21/11/sh
Vancouver	18/13/sh	20/13/sh	17/15/ra	20/13/pc	14/9/sh	19/12/sh	19/11/pc
Whitehorse	18/9/sh	19/8/pc	22/11/sh	20/11/ts	22/11/ts	22/9/ra	20/7/sh
Winnipeg	25/13/ts	26/13/pc	28/17/pc	10/18/dz	30/17/pc	26/16/ts	23/11/ts

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Tuesday 6/17	15°C	10°C	4.3 mm
Monday 6/16	22°C	13°C	0.0 mm
Sunday 6/15	26°C	11°C	0.0 mm
Saturday 6/14	na	na	na
Friday 6/13	27°C	13°C	9.4 mm
Thursday 6/12	24°C	9°C	0.0 mm
Wednesday 6/11	22°C	10°C	0.0 mm

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SUN & MOON

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set
Thu.	5:27 a.m./9:04 p.m.	10:18 p.m./5:46 a.m.
Fri.	5:27 a.m./9:04 p.m.	10:52 p.m./6:49 a.m.
Sat.	5:27 a.m./9:05 p.m.	11:19 p.m./7:56 a.m.
Sun.	5:27 a.m./9:05 p.m.	11:42 p.m./9:04 a.m.
Mon.	5:28 a.m./9:05 p.m.	none/10:13 a.m.
Tues.	5:28 a.m./9:05 p.m.	12:02 a.m./11:23 a.m.
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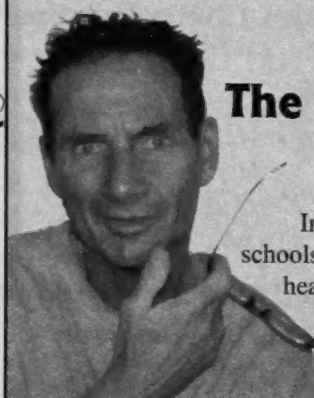
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EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

BY Terrance Gavan

The Apology as Fairy Tale



In the wake of Stephen Harper's residential schools apology to First Nations people, we have heard stories. Stories that the erstwhile members of the fifth estate call "anecdotal." I heard, on CBC radio last week, first person accounts from the men and women who were children once.

Children whose youth was deprived by 'god-fearing Christian teachers and administrators' who came to residential schools to distribute Christianity and white values to a people they treated, quite frankly, as chattel.

I heard hard stories; stories told through tears, through laughter, through legend, and through song. Stories meant to bring a First Nations' perspective to this gaunt and immoral period in our nation's history. And I heard the word genocide on more than one occasion. I am not shocked by this assertion. I accept it as a legitimate indictment. I've done my homework.

I was mildly surprised to learn that many younger Canadians knew nothing at all about this ugly and arcane period in Canada's chronicle. Not surprising. We are told that, "history is written by the victors." Winston Churchill said that, and the statement was never meant to be ironic, or colonial, or reprehensible. But, of course, it is all three. History must embrace the truth. If it doesn't, the victors shape it to their liking. And we run the risk of forgetting all that is wicked within us. We may forget the morality, eschewed in the heat of the moment. We may forget all that we wish we were not, and all that we know we are.

"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it," is how Santayana placed it. Last week Prime Minister Stephen Harper put our past in the book. Our bleak, dreary history of residential school management sifted through the fine mesh of the Canadian psyche in 15 short minutes. And that is good.

I met Reggie a little over 10 years ago. Reggie is a residential school survivor. I first met Reggie at the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba (AFM), a nondescript clutter of buildings located on Portage Avenue in Winnipeg. We talked, but not much. He cycled out of the AFM and moved to Tamarack House, a secondary treatment facility in a beautiful, serene and quiet neighborhood in Winnipeg.

It was at Tamarack, where I met Reggie in earnest.

Reggie was told his whole life that his problem was alcohol. In the three months he spent at Tamarack, Reggie came to learn that alcohol was not his problem. Alcohol was Reggie's solution. Every time Reggie was worried, depressed, happy, or down, the solution was there. It was right there on Main Street in Winnipeg, at one of the 23-or-so nondescript bars that trail north for several desolate kilometers from Portage and Main.

Reggie's solution became his problem. Reggie came to the AFM and then to Tamarack looking for a new explanation. Recovery is never easy. It's harder when the past is buried. People cannot recover unless they can learn to love themselves again. For some, the past forms a barrier. To a man with a hammer, every problem looks like a nail. Alcohol was Reggie's hammer.

Let me tell you about Reggie. Reggie was one of the funniest guys I have ever met. He was stocky, with bright eyes and a round face that seemed to hold a room. Reggie loved jokes and he loved to laugh. "Where was the first welfare line?" he asked me once, while we were sitting on the picnic table in front of Tamarack, on a beautiful June day in 1998.

"I don't know Reggie, where was the first welfare line?" I replied.

"At Plymouth Rock, when the Pilgrims got off the boat, looked around and asked the local government for help."

And then he laughed. When Reggie laughed his whole body shook. That's the Reggie

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Letter of the Week

Dear Editor:

In Defense of ATV'ers

I read with interest the comments of Stephen Patrick and Harvey Clarke in the June 12th/08 issue of The Voice. Of course the Haliburton ATV Association (HATVA) is concerned about the behaviour of member and non member ATVer's in Haliburton County. The club goes to great lengths to ensure safe and responsible use of designated ATV trails and I believe we have made great progress in this regard.

Here's a few observations for the record though:

On the specific concerns raised in the Clarke letter, there was not "100 ATVs" ... there were 33 to be precise and HATVA applied for and received in advance a special permit to use the trail for this corporate event hosted the day before the official spring opening of the rail trail to ATVs. Now where I learned math 33 doesn't equal 100.

Generally with the exception of large event venues offering integrated foodservices, accommodations etc. and the annual Stanhope Fire Dept fund-raiser Poker Run, we try and keep our trail rides to around 20 ATVs on a trail at one time (so we often have guides spread around to different trail locations).

The ATVs were on the trail between Lochlin & Donald between 10:30am - 10:50am and on return between Goulds Crossing & Lochlin between 3pm - 4 pm (we stopped at the Donald Dairy Bar for ice cream for half of that time). We encountered no walkers, bicycles, horses or other non ATV uses on the trail either coming or going that day. If we had of, we would have stopped to say hello and passed by carefully.

At the same time (as is the case every weekend and sometimes during the week) HATVA has trained Trail Wardens on the trails checking for non complying use as required by the

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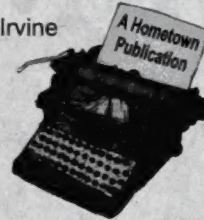
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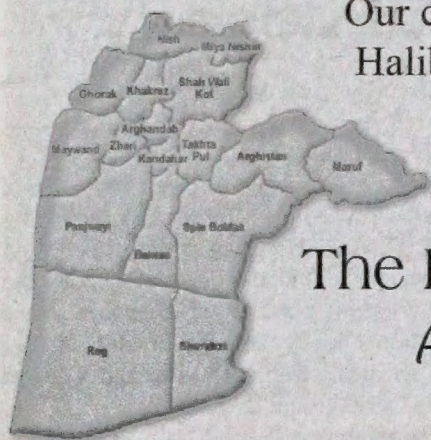
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Haliburton County's own Captain
David Beatty

The Road to Kandahar *A Soldier's Journal*

by Captain David Beatty

A Trip South to the Pakistan Border

Gathered around a table at 0700hrs, we receive our convoy briefing from the Convoy Commander, every aspect of our trip is covered, detailed instructions for every eventuality are given and everyone acknowledges their role in the convoy. As Company Sergeant Major (CSM) Vic Hickey and I are essentially "hitching a ride", we have to work for our passage. I am to be an air sentry in one vehicle and CSM Hickey, the air sentry in another vehicle. Good news as this involves riding in the back of an armoured vehicle, watching the back for possible suicide bombers. More importantly, you get to watch the countryside roll past as opposed to sitting inside of the vehicle. Our secondary role will be to act as "dismounts" and deal with situations which require us to get out of the vehicle. CSM Hickey grins when he hears that part of the briefing: "Well Sir", he says "been a long time since you and me were fire team partners" – "think you can keep up?" In true gentlemanly fashion I will not print my response here.

0800hrs, time to load up, our trip will take us from Kandahar Base south to approximately 10 kms north of the Afghanistan / Pakistan border. Our route will run through the mountains and then out through the open desert, then into the foot hills which rise up just before the border region. It was going to make for an interesting trip, as we were to be the first military forces down that stretch of road that day. Unlike last week, when we flew over possible Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) and other potential danger areas, this week we are going to be driving right through them. We're also required to walk through the hazards to clear the way for the mounted convoy. With deadly seriousness we begin to check each other over – paying close attention to make sure everything was ready, ammo, weapons and radios – all in good order. We check to make certain our First Aid kits and tourniquets are readily accessible, and our "Camelbacks" filled (the average temperature is now 43 degrees Celsius). The CSM starts to look around at the other soldiers heading out and begins his fatherly check of the troops: "Did you eat breakfast?" he asks of one soldier, and to another, "When was the last time you called home?" CSM Hickey is the true professional, easing the tension and ensuring the soldiers will be ready for their tasks. "All of you listen up" he barks, "Make sure you hydrate," and tosses me a bottle of ice water.

As we mount up in our Light Armoured Vehicles (LAV), weapons are loaded and communications checked, we head out south to the border region. We travel past several tented camps and pass through an Afghan National Police check point, and then, just as we begin to enter the foot hills our convoy comes to a halt: we have come to a possible IED site, and "ramp clear – dismount" squawks the radio. As the ramp lowers, the adrenaline begins to pump. Looking carefully at the ground, I step out and begin to clear my way forward to link up with my fire team partner – CSM Hickey. The other team has deployed to our left. Once in position, I give the command to move forward. Slowly both groups move forward checking the ground in front of them and watching for movement in the distance. This is not the time or the place to be inattentive – you are trying to watch where you step, check the ground around you and watch your area of responsibility. In a land covered in trash, anything and everything looks like a possible IED, and in some cases are. Caution is a virtue you hold close at hand. Both fire teams move forward, in silence, working like a finely tuned machine, hand signals and well rehearsed drills allow for excellent control, each team and each soldier working together as an extension of the other. As we move forward, we are covered by the gunners in the LAVs who traverse the barrels of their cannons, watching for movement in the hills. Having cleared the obstacle, the LAVs move forward, turrets traversing, watching for movement. As the ramps lower, we mount back up and out trip south continues.■

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Old fort on the hill



Beatty & Hickey get ready for action



Beatty in front of the LAV



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Anecdotal Accounts Best Describe the Awful Legacy

... from pg. 4

>> I knew. I never saw Reggie drunk and he once told me that it was a good thing. "I was never much good when I was drunk ... and I was drunk a lot before I came here," said Reggie.

One day we were sitting at the picnic table and he said, "Here, I want you to see this."

And from a folder, he took a glossy brochure. It was a pamphlet for a Residential School and the front page showed a playground full of First Nations children, smiling, laughing and frolicking on a grassy playground. The brick outline of a schoolhouse was in the background. The brochure was still, after 30 years, in impeccable condition.

Front and center was a familiar laughing face.

"Guess who?" laughed Reggie.

I smiled. "How old were you in that picture, Reggie?"

"I was five years old. That's me ... the close up ... my clean smiling face ... a poster child for residential schools." And here he laughed. "Hey, now Terry, I ask you ... have you ever seen a happier little red man in your life?"

Reggie grew up in that school, away from his mother and father and his grandparents and elders. Away from his home. Away from his people.

"They drove up one morning in a station wagon and they took me and my brother and my sister away," said Reggie. "I remember that my mother was crying on the steps of my house, and I still don't know why it happened."

I asked him why he carried that brochure around with him.

"I don't know," said Reggie. "I just think that some day it might be important. Some day I might just figure out why I carry it around."

And then he laughed. "Right now, it's good enough that it makes white, liberal fakers pretty uncomfortable ... am I right ... honky?"

And we both laughed then. On a picnic table in the sun,

with the summer solstice just two days away.

I've lost track of Reggie.

I'm hoping that he's still sober.

And I'm hoping that he was able to take that brochure out last Wednesday when Prime Minister Harper finally said, "Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to offer an apology to former students of Indian residential schools. The government now recognizes that the consequences of the Indian residential schools policy were profoundly negative and that this policy has had a lasting and damaging impact on aboriginal culture, heritage and language."

Here's what I know about that.

Reggie was right. It's a subject that still makes lily-white intellectuals very uncomfortable.

I'm hoping that the apology was enough for Reggie.

I hope that Reggie is still smiling, still enjoying his life.

I hope he's still taking the mick' out of his white friends. I am very proud that he was able to accept me as a friend and confidante.

Most of all, I hope that Reggie is happy and that he has come to love himself today.

Migwitch Reggie. ■

Letters to the Editor Cont'd...

... from pg. 4

>> County bylaw and County agreement with the HATVA club.

HATVA in addition to trail wardens provides garbage cleanup, land owner & trail insurance, calcium dust control, signage, trail maintenance, bridge repairs, special event support and we report back to the Rail Trail Committee monthly.

According to a police service

survey two in five households in Haliburton County own an ATV, so I'm sure readers can appreciate we do as much as we can to educate towards trail etiquette and the legal requirements under HTA#316 and local bylaw requirements.

HATVA warden stops, bylaw tickets and non conforming use on trail stops are a matter of record and I can tell you from personal experience that when your sitting along the trail wardening before the season opens you want to bring a paper to read so you don't fall asleep waiting for illegal cars, ATVs and motorcycles on the trail.

HATVA supports and encourages multi use activity on the trail however many realize only snowmobile and ATV uses are capable of appreciable "pay for use" ... contributing financially to the upkeep of the rail trail - so be careful what you wish for.

If you like to bicycle on the rail trail you can thank HATVA for re-decking rail to rail both the main trestle and Gelert bridge last season.

The rail trail was the wild west and the dumping ground for large amounts of garbage until HATVA



HATVA cleans up

got involved ... in the first year we picked up tons of garbage including 43 tires off the trail ... garbage is minimal now, and we still clean up twice per season (by weight the biggest offender is railway spikes).

If you believe ATVs create exhaust fumes ... better park your car, lawn mower and your boat because most ATVs can go five hours on one gallon of gas and they meet and exceed the most stringent ANSI standards for safety and emissions.

From a safety consideration statistically (even adjusted to number of units by

population) bicycles and hockey are a more accident prone form of recreation than ATving - not that there's anything wrong with bicycles or hockey mind you!

HATVA prints a new trail map every year and encourages all ATVs to stay on the trails that are designated on the club map.

HATVA holds regular safety and rider training events and we encourage non member riders to join in.

HATVA is proud of the millions of dollars in direct and indirect financial benefit the community and businesses receive in tourism dollars and local ATV related purchases.

HATVA will continue to work responsibly in the community in regards to ATV use and will continue to do good deeds for worthy causes.

We live in a protectionist "not in my back yard" society. Maybe we can all get along or perhaps the trail served the community and paid it's way better for it's intended purpose - as a railway. However railways are not noise or dust free.

Mark Coles



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An Evening of French Theatre

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Students Prepare For Big Night At Dress Rehearsal

J.D Hodgson Elementary School students in Grades 4 – 8 French immersion classes were perfecting their acting skills during a dress rehearsal for “La Soiree de Theatre Francais” at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Tuesday. The plays were performed in front of a live audience that evening.

The plays, written by Robert Bourdon, a volunteer in the French immersion program included: “La route de l’Abitibi”, “Jos Montferrand”, “Le grand derangement” and “Un Indien”.

The performances were made possible thanks to the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) Program Enhancement Fund. ■



Taking Issue with the County

“It’s time to stand up!”

Who controls the naming of roads and assigning 911 numbers in the County is once again at issue. Still in the midst of a road-naming quandary, the Highlands East Council is now taking issue with what appears to be another arbitrary name change. This time it concerns Paudash Lake.

The Ministry of Natural Resources is the governing body responsible for naming and renaming all lakes in Ontario. The County however is involved when it comes to developments on islands and their water access.

According to Councillor Suzanne Partridge, Paudash Lake has always been separated into two sections; Paudash Lake and Lower Paudash Lake, which is the part that flows into the Crowe River. Partridge says that some time ago she noticed new County-installed signs at the narrows on McGillivray Road, one saying Lower Paudash Lake and the other Upper Paudash Lake. But no sign that simply said Paudash Lake.

Each year municipalities in the County are required to pass a by-law providing for the naming and re-naming of highways, streets and roads within their boundaries. At the same time the Councils rescind the by-law passed the previous year. The rub is that the Municipalities are adopting names that have been established in many cases by the County, utilizing their 911 protocol.

The County’s website includes information about the 911 system which confirms that it is an ongoing process requiring changes or corrections from time to time. However, it also states that those involved (property owners and service providers) will be kept in the loop. The Highlands East Council, however, feels it is far from being in the loop. This is evidenced by recent differences of opinion between the County and Highlands East regarding the South Wilberforce Road, now called Saunders Road. Council has been trying for some time to change the name back at least in part to South Wilberforce Road, and while the County has given a bit of leeway in this instance, it remains an unresolved matter.

This week, Council was poised to adopt their annual by-law. However, Partridge said, “That’s it! It’s time to stand up about this!” Partridge, who lives on Paudash Lake and Chairs the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority, said that it appeared that Paudash Lake has been arbitrarily renamed Upper Paudash Lake and the South Paudash Lake Road renamed Upper Paudash Lake Road with no consultation.

After the meeting Partridge said, “I understand the need for protocol which can reduce confusion between names, particularly for emergency services, but this seems to have taken on a life of its own.” According to Partridge, who worked on behalf of Cardiff Township on the initial Road Naming Committee just prior to amalgamation, there are far too many anomalies in the 911 system and too many changes are being made without consultation.

Partridge refused to pass the by-law until some of these anomalies can be corrected and Council agreed with her. They deferred passing the by-law until further discussion can take place with the County. ■



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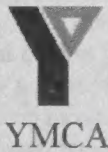
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Crime Down in Highlands East

"Habitual Clients in Provincial Institutions"

Liz Daniels

Staff Reporter

"There hasn't been a lot of crime so far." That's according to OPP Staff Sergeant Barry Freeburn during his quarterly report to the Highlands East Council this week. Freeburn reported that overall crime has been down in the area and he expects things to stay that way until the cottage season really gets underway. Freeburn says there haven't been as many people in the area throughout May, which he puts down to bad weather and the price of gas.

That's music to the ears of the Municipal Council. And even better news, Freeburn said that some of the OPP's 'habitual clients' are as he put it, spending some time in provincial institutions. Freeburn reported that his detachment is trying to encourage members of a specific group of perpetrators to simply get out of town. "When all of them are in jail crime drops off in the area. It seems to be their life's ambition."

Freeburn heads up the detachment in Bancroft, but they provide service to Highlands East given its proximity. He says that kids are causing a certain amount of mischief in the area, but the OPP has two officers working with and in the High School in Bancroft, trying to establish a good working relationship with the students. Freeburn said that for some time the detachment had been short staffed due to retirements, reassignments and sick or annual leave. He added, however, that as of last month the detachment is up to full strength with the addition of seven new officers and two new Sergeants.

According to Freeburn, due to limited staff last year, the detachment had to assign their Community Services Officer (Suzanne Cox) to various other duties. This year he said the detachment will try to keep her on her regular duties for the summer. He stressed the importance of keeping the detachment's press releases up. Council complimented Cox's work and Freeburn agreed that her communication skills were improving dramatically. Freeburn said that police often have an ingrained distrust of members of the press, something that all of his officers are working on given the importance of open communications within the community.

Freeburn had some glowing remarks to make about Cox saying, "She lives here and has a good feeling for what is needed in the community. She's very flexible and extremely dedicated often working overtime and taking time in lieu instead of charging for it."

Earlier in the meeting Reeve Dave Burton reported that a new Chair had been appointed to the Community Policing Advisory Committee. According to Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie one concern of the committee was that for over a year unofficial meetings were being held. This resulted in the appointment of the new Chairman and the establishment of a Vice-Chair position. Algonquin Highlands Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner will be assuming the Chair with Dysart's Deputy Reeve Bill Davis taking on the position of Vice-Chairman. Burton said that one of the items discussed at their recent meeting was that OPP aircraft will be doing more patrols in the area this summer. As

well as searching out crops, they'll be concentrating on traffic on some of the busier roads in the County.

Freeburn confirmed that one of his Commander's priorities is traffic control. He said that the detachment normally has two marine students working on the lakes, but this year they will be down by half a position. He added that this year there will be more emphasis placed on evening patrols and there may even be some night patrols.

According to Freeburn the OPP has been partnering with local Health Units to assist with the ATV program. They have also been partnering with the Aggressive Driving Campaign as well as the Marine and Snowmobile Patrols. Freeburn added that they are also committed to attending at least one community event in each community this year.

Once again referring to Constable Cox, Freeburn said, "She's a jack of all trades. If we're short she's put to work in any number of areas. She does scenes of crime work, transfers prisoners and does a lot of work in the schools, particularly in the High School and with students at the Grade 7/8 level." Mackie confirmed that both the kids and staff at the school in Cardiff have a high level of respect for Cox.

Freeburn reported that the OPP has received funding through BACPAC (Bancroft and Area Community Policing Advisory Committee) to do drug and gang education sessions in the schools through guest speakers. He said that an ex-Outlaw Motorcycle Gang member, who had been in prison for 25 years, will be talking to youth about how crime doesn't pay. As well as several other guest lecturers there will also be a speaker from MADD. According to Freeburn these programs are being run in the hopes of encouraging better citizens within the next few years.

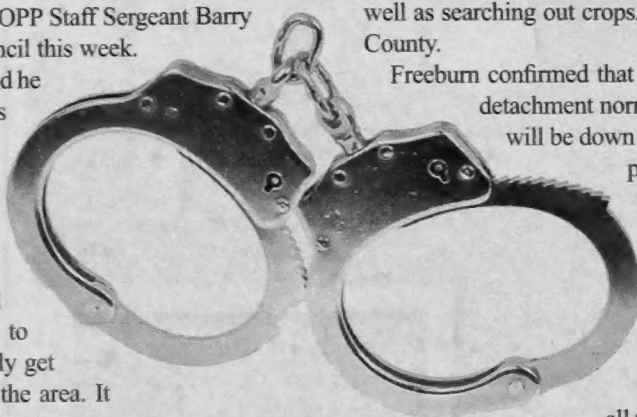
Freeburn said, "I can't say enough about the work done through BACPAC or of the support received from the Municipal Councils to fund the program, particularly when we have to fight for every dollar we get for programs like this." He spoke of BACPAC as a shining star in his world.

Referring to the cutbacks that Freeburn mentioned, Mackie suggested a cooperative working relationship with the municipalities to look at the feasibility of providing their summer students to work on the OPP marine and ATV surveys. He suggested the OPP could hand pick the students, but said it could go a long way to help with their programs. He also suggested that the municipalities in the area could look at sharing the cost of their summer students to assist with the OPP's programs.

In response to an inquiry about whether BACPAC would consider this, Freeburn confirmed it was a good idea worth investigating. Council members were very supportive of the suggestion, saying that it could also help with an OPP presence at community events. Mackie said it would create very positive public interaction as well as promote positive thinking for students.

Councillor Suzanne Partridge told Freeburn how much she appreciated the fact that OPP officers are all wearing life jackets when doing marine patrols. She said it had been an excellent incentive for the children in her family. Freeburn responded that it was mandatory for officers but with a smile added, "They have to.....they wear enough stuff that they'd sink to the bottom without a life vest."

On that note, Council thanked Freeburn for his update and his detachment's excellent work on their behalf. ■



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YWCA – Helping Women across the County

For the past 10 years the YWCA in Haliburton County has been the only social agency that provides crisis assistance to women who are attempting to "break free of an abusive or controlling relationship". But that's only part of the story. The YWCA has been operating in

Peterborough, Victoria County, and Haliburton for well over 100 years, and has provided countless women with support and service in times of need.

The Haliburton Branch of the YW is a branch of the Peterborough Y, and has its own administrative and outreach staff. It also has its own board member and fundraiser, Donna MacKay, who's a full



Board member Donna MacKay and Office Administrator Daisy Downs

time Haliburton resident on Maple Lake. For many years Donna worked with the Toronto Police Services, and she's delighted to be able to give up some of her retirement time to the YWCA's work. "I know just how important it is to provide these services to women in need," says Donna. "And it's important that the public understand that all the money we raise here stays in the County. We're a pretty lean shop – with Office Administrator Daisy Downs and just three full time and two part time support and outreach workers, we've a lot of ground to cover, and a lot of clients to see."

In the coming weeks the Voice will detail just how the YWCA manages its mandate and delivers its essential services. This weekend the YWCA holds its annual "All Male" Tag Day in locations across Haliburton County. This is where the boys, spearheaded by Donna's husband Bob, get a chance to show their support for the YWCA – so be sure to buy a tag: they'll be available from 10 until 2 on Saturday. ■

Protecting the Water That We Drink

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

This week representatives of the Trent Conservation Coalition presented their draft Terms of Reference outlining steps to be taken in preparation of a formal assessment report and source protection plan for our drinking water. The meeting was well attended by various interest groups and provided a good indication of the extent of interest in the planning process. There was also a hint in the air that hackles will definitely rise throughout the process.

The terms of reference are a requirement of the Clean Water Act, passed by the Ontario government to protect municipal drinking water. Forty source protection areas, based on conservation authority watersheds were established under the act. The Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Region covers approximately 14,500 square kilometres and includes the entire watershed of the Trent River, stretching from Algonquin Park to the Bay of Quinte as well as smaller watersheds that flow directly into Lake Ontario and the Bay of Quinte.

The Source Protection Committee Chair, Jim Hunt briefly outlined the Coalition's mandate. Hunt explained that the Committee will be overseeing a process of information gathering related to the watershed, assessing threats to the watershed and utilizing this information in the development of a comprehensive protection plan to reduce or eliminate identified risks. In essence the Terms of Reference is a work plan to achieve these goals for the largest of the source protection region in the province.

Hunt explained that the Committee is comprised of 23 members plus the Chair. In addition, 3 seats are reserved for First Nations representatives and 3 non-voting seats are reserved for representatives from the Ministry of Environment, local Health Units and Source Protection Authorities.

The Source Protection Region is divided into five Source Protection Areas including the Crowe Valley, Ganaraska Region, Kawartha-Haliburton, Lower Trent and Otonabee-Peterborough regions. Separate terms of reference will be prepared for each of the five source protection areas but each area will actively share their knowledge and expertise.

In speaking of his Committee's commitment, Hunt said, "The Source Protection Committee will be making policies based on the best available science, keeping the public informed of our activities, consulting with all stakeholders, considering any economic impacts and making fair and reasonable decisions."

Hunt said that the Committee has three specific tasks before them. First is the preparation and adoption of their draft Terms of Reference. This document sets out the steps to be taken and estimated costs to prepare a detailed assessment report and source protection plan. It also details roles and responsibilities by all the stakeholders and outlines matters that could affect other regions. After a full public consultation process the terms of reference will be approved by the Minister of the Environment. They're expected to be submitted to the Minister in August of this year.

The next step is the preparation of a science-based Assessment Report for each source protection area in the region. It will identify water quality risks that need to be addressed, vulnerability studies for municipal wells and water intakes as well as measuring water both at the surface and underground, how it moves, how much is withdrawn and where there might be shortages. The Assessment Report is expected to be submitted early in 2010.

The third step is a Source Protection Plan which sets out policies on how drinking water threats are to be reduced or eliminated, who is responsible for taking action, timelines and how progress is to be measured. The plan must be submitted to the Minister within 5 years of the appointment of the Chair, or by August of 2012.

Communications Specialist Glenda Rodgers gave a 30 minute presentation that detailed everything from the establishment of the Clean Water Act to a full explanation on the contents of the terms of reference. She stressed the need for a multi barrier system to protect drinking water, saying that if one system failed another would then be in place to protect the water. Rodgers said, "Source protection is the first line of defense."

Rodgers also outlined the roles and responsibilities of other players, including the Province, Source Protection Authorities, the Source Protection Committee and the Municipalities who ultimately

will be responsible for implementation of the plan and its enforcement.

Rodgers outlined the cost estimates associated with preparation of the plan. At the present time no costs have been identified for the establishment of the Terms of Reference. According to Rodgers, to date \$2.2 million dollars has been spent on technical studies for the assessment report and an additional \$1.9 million will be spent on the report by 2012. \$3.6 million has been spent supporting program delivery and \$3.2 million more will be spent by 2012. A further \$2.7 million has also been identified for development of the Source Protection Plan between now and 2012.

Rodgers, advised the public that any formal comments on the terms of reference must be submitted by June 25th.

Hunt then asked for questions from the audience. Concerns were raised right off the bat about the costs associated with the project, particularly as no funding has been identified for implementation. Hunt referred to the costs associated with remediation during disasters like Walkerton and said he felt the benefits of the program were so significant that they would outweigh the costs of necessary action in the future. Hunt said there were a lot of studies to be completed and he felt the public concern was premature. He also said, "We want to ensure there are sufficient funds in the future to implement the plan and even expand it."

Dysart et al's Reeve Murray Fearrey raised concerns about maintaining existing water levels and later commented that despite millions of dollars to fund the planning process, there is no adequate financial structure in place for implementation. He also suggested that the Committee seemed to be working on the premise of unknown future issues.

Algonquin Highlands Councillor Carol Moffatt also raised concerns about implementation of the Source Protection Plan and how it would be financed. She suggested that southern demands could unfairly impact those living in Haliburton County.

Paul MacInnes representing the Maple, Beech & Cameron Lakes POA raised several issues on behalf of shoreline property owners and said there was a bit of an anomaly in that while their water levels could be impacted they aren't included in the process as their water isn't supplied by a municipal source. MacInnes questioned whether the Terms of Reference should include non municipal water sources.

H Hunt, showing a bit of frustration given the number of concerns being raised said, "We're not here to pull the wool over anyone's eyes. If you see a problem we want you to point it out. Some perceptions about what will happen are inaccurate. This is a science based process to the benefit of the greatest number of people."

Hunt said, "Some things may have to change in the future

with respect to property, but we don't know that yet." More comments were made by the public and Hunt assured everyone that the process was intended to avoid negative experiences or at the very least to be able to address them properly.

One man asked Hunt, "Are you prepared to be fired by the Minister when you tell him that a municipality is not being represented properly?" Hunt assured those in attendance, "I would be willing to take a stand if there is something that I feel that strongly about. I will voice my opinion and not be afraid. I'm not in anyone's camp and will bring potential problems forward."

Hunt added however that some of the concerns raised were diametrically opposed. He said, "To the extent that I can balance things I will do so, as long as issues raised are reasonable and formed by a rationale concern." Hunt also said that the public meetings were intended to be educational in nature, and to that end the meeting was a success. ■

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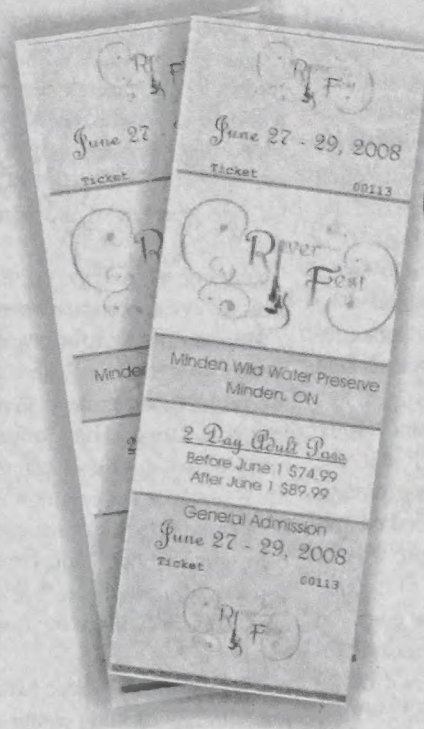
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Pat Robitaille

Born and raised in Windsor, 20 year old Pat Robitaille was raised on the musical energy that still lives on from the bordering Motown Detroit music scene. "I grew up with so much music," Robitaille said. "The good kind though; no stereos...there was live music in my house every night. My sisters were always singing, rehearsing and playing piano. My dad would get out the home camera and film our all-night fake concerts."

After years of singing James Taylor songs on a 'Toys 'R' Us' plastic "Key-Tar", 10 year old Robitaille finally got a real acoustic guitar from a local music shop. "I started playing guitar and writing songs right away. I remember watching Much Music as a kid and studying the guitar players' hands. That's how I learned the chords; I knew them before I even played my first guitar." At age 15 Robitaille was recording songs on a digital eight track machine in his bedroom. These records made their way out of his home and into the hands of music industry professionals around North America, and eventually into the hands of a critically acclaimed music producer in Los Angeles, California. By age 16, with a few months before graduation, Robitaille dropped out of high school to pursue music full time. Between heading to Los Angeles to record and meeting with record companies, Robitaille was playing nightly in Windsor and Detroit. After spiking interest in nearly every major U.S. label, Robitaille had a career changing revelation. "I quickly realized that having a real music career in this day and age isn't about who you know, or what someone else can do for you. Rather, a real music career is about artistic integrity. To live with myself I just had to retain control over my work product... so my only option was to pursue my career as an unsigned, independent artist." "I did what I had to do. I bought a van and started touring North America on my own." Robitaille said. Playing in venues across the continent, Robitaille spent his time booking shows, writing and recording music and selling demo CDs out of his van.

Over the past two years of touring, he's been asked to perform with the likes of Jully Black, The Beach Boys, Ziggy Marley, Matthew Good, Our Lady Peace, Sam Roberts Band, Bad Company, Eddie Money, Jody Raffoul, The Counting Crows, Blue Rodeo, Robinella, Collective Soul, and more. His most recent self titled acoustic record was released last year and has sold over 3,000 copies from off the stage.

Pat has just released his second solo CD "Summer of Love" of his own label "highschool dropout music" to rave reviews and has contributed a version of "Sugar Mountain" to "Borrowed Tunes II a Tribute to Neil Young."



Matt Barbeau The Lone Wolf Guitarist

For RiverFest guitarist Matt Barbeau, it's his way or the highway. Since forming the band Autumn Eve in 2001, Matt has been constantly stretching the boundaries of his own talents as a singer and a songwriter. His music has been described as rock /pop with heavy

world music influences, thick underlying beats melded with hushed poetic lyrics. He has even been titled a natural born storyteller.

Barbeau is excited to be back in world renowned Metalworks Studio in Mississauga Canada to record his new solo project, Matt is once again reinventing and redefining himself.

"I have always had an affinity for poetry and simple melodies," Barbeau said. "My music is very honest. I do not write about things I have not either lived through or expressed an interest in. My lyrics have two styles, one that is so honest it is almost hard and at times embarrassing, to let people hear what I am saying, the other is smoke and mirrors. In some ways it is liberating, I find myself able to breathe after finishing a song, like I had been choking on the words to come out. I do not write songs for other people, I would not be true to myself if I did."

It should come as no surprise that when watching Matt perform there is a truly captivating almost vulnerable magnetic bond between the artist and his audience. "When I am on stage, it is hard to think about anything else happening in my life. Everything is put on hold for this brief moment, where, if people listen closely enough, they will know all there is to know about me. Performing allows me to be myself and somebody else at the same time, it is quite therapeutic," he said.

Barbeau is a native Canadian who lives in Toronto, but he has been influenced by a wide range of international artists. He includes David Gray, Ben Harpe, Nick Drake, and Damien Rice amongst his most personally influential musicians. He is excited to come to the Highlands and play at RiverFest.



Mary Simon

Mary Simon is a Toronto singer-songwriter with a powerful voice. Her haunting melodies coupled with her stark lyrics and poignant delivery make for undeniably great songs. While her recordings embrace drum loops, electronic touches and other bursts of experimentation, Simon never strays too far from the acoustic-based core of her material.

Mary's first of three Albums, "Before I Fall", gained recognition in Lilith Fair's songwriting contest where she was the only Canadian to place in the Top 10. She has also 2nd place in Toronto's Mix 99.9 Songwriting Contest. The album also landed her in the Top 10 of the John Lennon Songwriting Contest.

Simon's next CD was a raw recording entitled "Leaving You Behind." It left an impressive mark of creativity as Mary avoided conventional recording methods to allow her vocals and emotions to shine through. Mary's third full-length release, "In View Of Mercy," takes leaps and bounds towards her compelling, folk-pop sound that leaves listeners amazed by her young talent.

When Simon performs she is accompanied by Al Cameron on guitar, Kevin Anderson on bass, and Robin Pirson on drums. Simon's music has been compared to Patty Griffin, The Cardigans, Sufjan Stevens, Death Cab for Cutie, and Rosie Thomas.

Canadian music critic Eric Thom wrote about Simon's music saying, "Its tasteful, well-crafted pop assault bears repeated listening for no better reason then it recalls a time when every day still held the promise of innocence and happy endings. When pushed for a descriptor, Simon labels her music "organic urban pop" but this petite charmer picks up somewhere between Shawn Colvin and Suzanne Vega. Her breathy, gentle voice is a clear instrument that begs a closer listen and the well-planted pop hooks work their wonders over time. The production is slick but simple and the arrangements may be a tad underwhelming but this allows Simon's vocals to dominate each track. The breath-taking "Before I Fall" hints at a bigger picture with its Brian Wilson-derived harmonies and layered chorus. "Be Peace To Me" is another track that boasts a lush chorus and songwriting smarts beyond her years. Again, background vocals are mixed and layered to spellbinding effect. Keep your eyes and ears on this frighteningly fresh talent."



Don Ross, Guitarist

Don Ross was born in Montreal in 1960 to a Scottish father and a Mi'kmaq mother. His family was musical, and he first started experimenting with the acoustic guitar at the age of eight. By age of ten he was exploring "fingerstyle" technique, a right hand discipline similar to classical guitar playing.

Don graduated from the Music Department of York University in 1983, but he waited until 1986 to start pursuing a career as a performer. Don was asked to sign with Duke Street Records, and he recorded three CDs over the next four years. The albums, titled *Bearing Straight*, *Don Ross*, and *Three Hands*, met with unanimous critical acclaim. This led to numerous tours across Canada and the U.S. Don even played at the Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland.

Don signed a new recording deal with Columbia/Sony Music in 1994, and released *This Dragon Won't Sleep*, in 1995. In the fall of 1996 Don released *Wintertide*, an instrumental album of traditional Christmas tunes played in his trademark style. Lynn Saxberg of the *Ottawa Citizen* called the album "a masterpiece," and the public response was no less enthusiastic. Don's next record, *Loaded. Leather. Moonroof.* was released in November, 1997. According to Don, the album "...is a further exploration for a rich sense of harmony and groove." Since *Loaded. Leather. Moonroof.*, Ross has regularly released albums while working full time as a musician. He has composed music for the CBC radio serial *Dead Dog Café*. In 1987 some of his compositions were played by the Toronto Symphony Orchestra.

Ross is the first and only person to twice win the U.S. National Fingerstyle Guitar Championship. His album *Huron Street* reached the top ten on the *Billboard* new age chart. Eminent Canadian musician Bruce Cockburn once said, "Nobody does what Don Ross does with an acoustic guitar. He takes the corners so fast you think he's going to roll, but he never loses control."

Don continues to do extensive touring in Europe, Canada, the United States and Asia's Pacific Rim. He often plays with the Men of Steel guitar group. In 2005 Don married Brooke Miller, a singer-songwriter from Prince Edward Island.

Don's wife Brooke lives an equally active life. Her musical career began in third grade when her elementary school music teacher gave her a guitar to play. She was soon traveling to competitions around the Maritime Provinces where the band would come away with gold and silver medals. At the age of 11 she began writing her own songs. Her parents soon bought her first electric guitar and a few years later a drum machine. With two boys, she formed a trio called Bleek that soon owed more to punk. Bleek was soon opening for bands like Sloan, Modest Mouse, Mad Hat, and Eric's Trip.

Brooke soon outgrew the three chord confines of punk and began exploring more sophisticated and challenging techniques and genres, from the intricacies of finger-picking to jazz. She recently released her debut album *You Can See Everything*. The *Sentimentalist Magazine Review* declared that the album is "awash in mind blowing brilliance."

When Brooke and Don are not on the road they live quietly with their family in Carrington, Ontario. ■



Marshall Dane

As a full-time musician with riveting stage performances, Marshall Dane has built a steady following of fans in his years of gigs around southern Ontario. His most recent album entitled *Weapons of the Future*, a cultural mosaic of rootsy-pop rock anthems, plays out with radio-friendly ease and captures the independent but romantic spirit of changing times.

Watching Marshall take the record out of the studio and perform acoustically, or jam it out with his varied roster of backing players, is always a shocking thrill. With the singular power that only a bonafide performer possesses, Marshall Dane transcends the room with his raw talent, instrumental diversity, and lightning vocals, stunning audiences each and every time.

Just a few short months after the official release of his new album, *Weapons of the Future*, Marshall has received a lot of interest from radio and live audiences. His hit single "Floating Away" was the first of his tracks to debut on 107.5 Dave FM. "Floating Away" is a happy-go-lucky pop-rock journey with a light-hearted melodic pulse. ■



Barry Canning

Barry Canning (who has played at the Hair Lounge in Camarvon) is an artist who has been a mainstay in the East Coast music industry for the past 20 years. He released three albums including "Soul Parade" in 2001. According to Canning, that was the album that got him recognized.

"I have been known as a singer for a long time, but Soul Parade finally put me on the map as a solid songwriter which is very important to me." Since the release of that album, Canning has shared the stage with some notable songwriters as Daniel Lanois, Ron Sexsmith, Jimmy Rankin, Ron Hynes and Bruce Guthro.

In 2002, Canning won the MIANL (Music Industry Association of Newfoundland and Labrador) Male Artist of the Year and Pop/Rock Artist of the Year. In 2003, he was nominated for the East Coast Music Award for Best Pop/Rock Artist and singer/songwriter.

His latest album titled "Last Man Standing" features and guest performances by Doyle, Paul Lamb, Cory Tetford of Crush and Chris Ledrew of Brothers in Stereo. The title track, written by Canning and Doyle, offers an amazing powerhouse of east coast talent with Doyle, Lamb, and Tetford singing on the track.

"The new album is a true evolution for me. I am closer to where I want to be as a singer and as a songwriter. I got more personal for these groups of songs, I got down to basics," he said.

Through his stage presence, Canning has the ability to capture an audience with his guitar and touring band. He has been nominated by his peers in his home province as Entertainer of the Year for two years running. Canning says that "the stage is where it all comes together for me. I get to use my voice to sing songs that I have written about my life and the world around me. It doesn't get any better than that."

Over the past few years Barry has shared the stage with America, Great Big Sea, Our Lady Peace, Davis Usher, Colin James and Crush to name a few.

Canning will be on the stage on Saturday, June 28 from 8 - 9 p.m. ■



Rick Fines

At 45, Rick Fines is a veteran of the folk and blues circuits in North America. In October of 2005, Fines took a journey to Alabama where he captured the first place title in the Sweetgum Bottom Acoustic Blues Competition.

For his song "Riley Wants His Life Back" Fines won first place in the blues category of the 2003 International Songwriting Competition with B.B. King as one of the judges. He also recently won the Maple Blues Award for Songwriter of the Year, Acoustic Act Of The Year twice in 1998/99 and he has received eight additional nominations.

His work with Jackson Delta for 15 years brought in nominations from both the Juno and the Handy Awards. He has played for legendary blues piano player Pinetop Perkins, songstress Colleen Peterson, folk icon Penny Lang and many others.

Just last year, Fines toured throughout many faraway places including the Gulf of Mexico, the Artic, British Columbia and New York City, to display his understanding of blues, finger-style and bottleneck guitar.

In addition to his busy touring schedule, Fines conducts classes and workshops. For several years now he has taught finger-style guitar at the Haliburton School of the Arts, blues guitar at Kincardine Summer Music Festival in Ontario and at the Hornby Island Blues Workshop in British Columbia. He also works with kids as part of the Blues In The Schools programs in Ottawa, Saskatoon, Toronto and Fredericton. ■



Ian Tamblyn

Ian Tamblyn has been a musician, songwriter, playwright and producer for many years. He has recorded several albums and countless soundtracks for theater and film. In recent years, Ian has had a close association with adventure travel and scientific expeditions. These travels have taken him from the icebergs of Greenland to the underwater world of Antarctica.

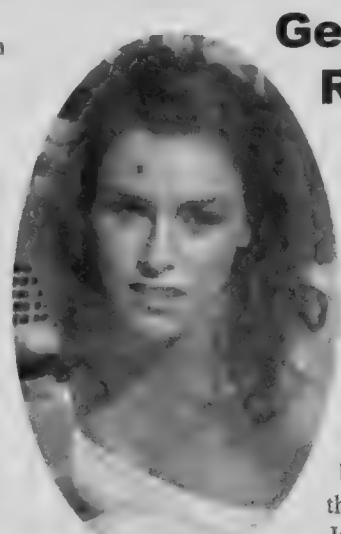
Some of these adventures have found their way into song and instrumental recordings. As a playwright, Ian has written nine plays and his most recent is called *Dreamwalker*, a true story about a very dramatic sleepwalker. His play, *Legends of the Northern Swamp*, is still on tour in Quebec and is produced by Geordie Productions of Montreal. He is currently working on several soundtracks.

As a producer, Ian has worked with many diverse talents. His projects include Terry Tufts, Chris MacLean, Kim Erickson, and Kathryn Briggs. In the past he has worked with Beth Ferguson, Alex Houghton and grungers FurnaceFace.

Tamblyn has been nominated for a Juno twice, and has won once. In 1994 Lakehead University recognized Tamblyn's unique contribution to the Canadian music scene by awarding him an honorary doctorate.

The Victoria Times recently wrote about Tamblyn saying, "Ian Tamblyn is a national treasure. A fine guitarist with an expressive, melodious voice, the central Canadian singer-songwriter's greatest gifts are his poetic, evocative songs. A wide-ranging traveller with a painter's eye for essential detail."

The American music magazine *Dirty Linen* had nothing but praise for Tamblyn when they reviewed his most recent record. "Ian Tamblyn has been one of Canada's most prolific and versatile musical talents for over 25 years, releasing most of his numerous albums on his own North Track Records label. Tamblyn deliberately sets out to create albums that stand as cohesive collections of songs with a strong sense of place."



Genevieve Rainey

Genevieve Rainey's is a self-confessed "nomadic Canadian", which in her words mean that her songs could come from across any city in the nation. In fact, chances are that the three times she has traveled from Halifax to Vancouver Island, her motorcycle stopped briefly in a town near you and there's a song written about it.

In short, she's an acoustic folk artist, but her audience members see a whole other side of Genevieve. With a total of 14 years in performing, wandering the country, globe and writing songs, Genevieve's ready to take on a larger audience.

Why? Well, it's simply because "she says so." Now settled in Victoria, the locals describe her as relatable and even a bit weird during her live shows.

"When you're in front of a house of people who for the most part don't know you, you aren't there to indulge yourself. If someone screams for Zeppelin, you've got to pull it out of the air, even if you only know one verse and it's acapella. Guaranteed that person will be attentive for the rest of the show and it always gets a cheap round of cheering," says Rainey.

Not exhibiting the self-consciousness that other folk-acoustic artists tend to fall into, but yet not at all too cocky to laugh at herself, Genevieve mixes heartfelt soul with cheeky banter. She'll genuinely connect with an audience through her strong lyrically laden originals, and she'll flip the switch when throwing out an Iron Maiden cover or launching into a Cypress Hill jam.

By the end of it all, Rainey will have made you laugh, cry and become a fan, and a friend. ■

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*"Lonely the wind
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with the woods
Song of my heart ...
Algonquin"*

The lyrics above form one of the many poetic verses sung by the hit folk band the Wakami Wailers at the Minden community centre on the evening of Friday June 13th.

The Wailers are a four-man band featuring banjos, guitars, spoons, and fiddles. The band was formed in 1981 by four Wakami Lake Provincial Park employees. The men spent their days working in the wilderness and as they laboured they frequently sang. They usually sang old logging songs or adlibbed songs about their natural surroundings. Realizing how much they enjoyed singing, the men decided to form a band.

In 1984 the Wailers were commissioned by the provincial government to develop a musical interpretation for Ontario's rich white pine logging heritage. In response, the Wailers created the album "The Last of the Great White Pine Loggers." This album is not to be confused with the play "The Last of the Great White Pine," which was written by Minden's Michael Fay and performed at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre last summer.

In 1985 Parks Canada commissioned the Wailers to create a musical play about 100 years of provincial parks. Over the next fifteen years, the band released two more albums, and toured extensively across North America. They have performed in many locations, from Vancouver, to the Epcot Centre, to Disneyland.

When the Wailers came to Minden on Friday they dazzled the audience with their rich melodic songs of Ontario's logging history. Before the Wailers took the stage, Bancroft's

hit band John Foreman and Friends warmed up the audience. The Wailers' Friday evening concert was part of the Timberfest festival, and they performed at various Minden locations throughout the weekend. They played at the Village Green Gazebo, the Community Centre, the Cultural Centre, and the fairgrounds.

Band member Rob Hollet spoke of the Timberfest experience saying, "It's great to be in Minden. We love it. I drove up from Peterborough this afternoon and realized how great a place this is to sing about Ontario's logging history."

Audience members had a great time listening to the Wailers on Friday night, as many clapped along and tapped their toes. "I love their music. They're great musicians and fine people," said Duck Lake's Bob Nesbitt. "The band members are great, down-to-earth musicians. Everybody is having fun tonight."■





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Three Women on the Artistic Landscape

Terrance Gavan

Staff Reporter

"Wild Women" Display Wares at Agnes Jamieson

The Wild Women are a breed apart. Just ask them.

Three friends meeting once or twice a week, to trudge, paddle, and hike the backwoods of Algonquin Park. Three artists in pursuit of that special place, that rare patch of nature's canvas.

Eschewing the studio for the path less traveled, three Ottawa Valley women are hearkening trails blazed by Emily Carr and Tom Thomson, seeking inspiration in the rock, sand, soil, trees and that ever-extant horizon.

They call themselves the "Wild Women" and they carry brush, canvas, easel, and an artist's keen eye for place. They travel in four-wheel drive vehicles. They might don snowshoes in the winter. They have explored the depths of their love for art, accepting the challenges of forays into snowy northern Ontario woods at -30 Celsius. They endure black flies, mosquitoes and the seasonal barrage of rain and wind and sun.

They paint what their mind's eye reveals. Like Franklin Carmichael, Lawren Harris, A. Y. Jackson, Frank Johnston, Arthur Lismer, J. E. H. MacDonald, and Frederick Varley, who long ago found inspiration entrenched in the sullen backdrop of this rough-hewn fraction of Canada, they come to revel and capture each shifting nuance, each seasonal whim, in surroundings where Canadian art well and truly earned its birthright. That all-encompassing and invigorating movement, born in the early 1920s when the Group of Seven convinced a largely skeptical world that there was a burgeoning and vivacious vision rising from the Canadian landscape.



The three Wild Women trudge in the footsteps of the seven, recipients of a legacy, but each carries their own intimate and unique view of this landscape, this parapet, this large pleated and shifting canvas.

Separately they are Joyce Burkholder, Kathy Haycock and Linda Sorensen, three artists sharing a love of the environment and a desire to delve ever deeper into the heart of this land for inspiration.

Together they are the "Wild Women", three friends, who three years ago decided to knit their separate passions with common thread.

Their show Wild Women, Wilderness Painters is on display at Minden's Agnes Jamieson Gallery from June 3

to June 28 and the three women were on hand last Saturday (June 7) to greet patrons and provide an overview of the exhibit.

The artwork on display is vibrant, rich and explosive. The vivid colors strike the visitor from the foyer. All three artists make their home in the Ottawa Valley and they share a love for landscape, in particular the natural beauty available, quite literally at their doorstep. They go well beyond their doorstep, however, to pursue their craft.

The women are passionate about their art. It's reflected in their broad expansive smiles as they greet each visitor to the exhibit. Their work is evocative, compelling and graceful.

Burkholder has a short overview of the Wild Women's raison d'être on a plaque in the hallway introducing viewers to the exhibit.

Burkholder writes that the Wild Women are "encouraging viewers to take part in the experience ... the joy and excitement that comes from tromping through the bush, finding an inspiring scene and capturing the sights, sound and smells on canvas."

Burkholder has worked as an artist for most of her life and, after 35 years of exhibiting her work in various galleries across Ontario, she opened the Wilno Garden Gallery in Wilno, Ontario, a haven and studio where she and her partner Dan Hill – a versatile artisan and potter – now display their wares.

She began her career as a textile artist in 1970, and in 1980 started painting, first on silk, and has since evolved her craft to include water colors, oils and acrylics, to portray her prize-winning landscapes of local Algonquin scenery. "I also do custom framing, so I work in art full time," says Burkholder, a graduate (in 1971) of the Ontario College of Art.

Burkholder says that the idea to paint as a collective and travel to sites together is not new. She



Joyce Burkholder, Linda Sorensen and Kathy Haycock

explains that a number of the Group of Seven artists often used to paint together. She says that their own collaborative work ideal was borne from a longstanding friendship, and their shared passion for landscape and wilderness art.

They are friends first and foremost, and they, quite simply, enjoy each other's company. "We decided to band together and call ourselves the Wild Women, and it's worked out well," says Burkholder. "We exhibit together and we share our common love of the outdoors."

Sorensen was born in London, England in 1953 and moved with her family to Burlington in 1957. Like Burkholder, she studied at the Ontario College of Art (1972) and she has been involved in an eclectic mélange of endeavor, including wilderness painting, photography, artistic card making, and an interesting sideline designing and fabricating unique embroidered handbags.

Interestingly, she displays a lot of her work at the Red Canoe Café in Wilno, which is located, conveniently, across the road from Burkholder's Wilno Garden Gallery.

"Every painting begins with a canoe trip," says Sorensen, in her Jamieson Gallery introduction. "It is here that the creative spirit is awakened in me, whether through the lens of my camera or through my easel and paints on site. It is here that the beauty of the natural world speaks to me as the timeless freedoms of the days unfold."

"I do a lot of studio work," says Sorensen, who allows that it allows her to pursue her other design work with cards, prints and photographs.

However, she says that the trek in the woods forms the spark that kindles the fire for her craft. Her eloquent depictions of canoes parked on rocky outcrops are beautiful and stunning.

Haycock's work is no less striking. Vivid recreations of nature on a grand scale, her paintings involve local Ottawa Valley and Algonquin Park scenes, but she has also traveled extensively to the Arctic and Greenland.

Of the three, she is perhaps the one who is least reliant upon art to sustain her way of life. "I'm retired and I guess that means I paint with less pressure to produce," says Haycock, who is self-taught, but with some hardwired DNA, which probably contributed to her passion for this journey.

Her father, Arctic painter Maurice Haycock, provided Kathy with important insight into the craft as she was growing up. Maurice and Kathy were both seminally influenced by Maurice's long 30-year collaboration as a painting partner with Group of Seven artist A. Y. Jackson.

"I was very lucky, growing up surrounded by those paintings, of both my father and A. Y. Jackson," says Kathy, who credits her father with inspiring her own interest in the arctic landscape.

"I'm self-taught," says Haycock, but adds that her dad's influence obviously helped during her first forays into painting. In 2006 she was juried into the Society of Canadian Artists and her paintings are represented in corporate and private collections in Canada, Europe, China and Australia.

The three Wild Women are, first and foremost, fast friends, who also have been known to take some time off for ex-officio camping trips together.

As the plaque in the hall at the exhibit proclaims, the three artists maintain a unique and unequivocal bond.

"These days, when the Wild Women go painting, it is with adventure in mind," writes Burkholder in the exhibit's short intro.

"We go by foot, boat or canoe; snowshoe, or ski; by Jeep off-road, or down the highway; to explore and paint the wonders we love."

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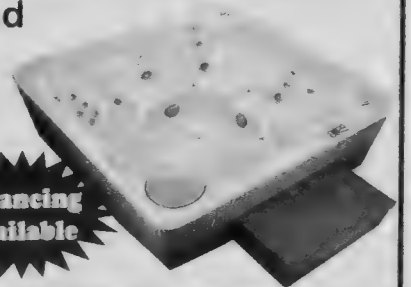


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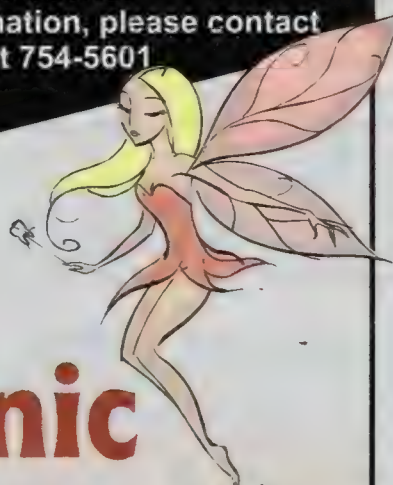
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>> saw carving. Two-year-old Kayla Switzer of Minden got to take home her very own log chair that MacPhee created as she watched.

Participants weren't the only travelers to the event. Young spectator Regina Urquiza was awarded a Highlands Teddy to take back to her home in Mexico.

Watching these athletes perform can almost make one perceive wood splitting in a different perspective, not as the inevitable annual chore, but as personal Timbersport training a fitness program without membership fees!■



Overcoming Insurmountable Odds

A Gripping Story by Stroke Survivor Peter Fee

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

There are approximately 300,000 Canadians who are suffering from the effects of a stroke. Every year, 40,000 to 50,000 people in the country have a stroke, which translates into one every 10 minutes.

On Thursday, June 12, members of the Haliburton Highlands Stroke Support Group gathered in the Fireside Lounge at Hyland Crest in Minden to hear the true, life-altering story of stroke survivor and author Peter Fee.

"I must tell you that this whole book writing and publishing process has been extremely therapeutic for me," began Fee before his wife Helene read excerpts from his book; "Stroke: A Long, Challenging Journey. A True Story".

Fee, who is 55, faced two hemorrhagic bleeds and nearly died in February of 2003 when he was 50. The stroke left him with left side hemiplegia (paralysis of one half of the body) and resulted in a severe short-term memory deficit.

Less than a month before having the stroke, Fee married his wife Helene who has been by his side throughout the entire ordeal.

"My wonderful wife, whom I married on Sept. 27 of 2003, is my soul mate, my lover, my best friend and my primary caregiver. I would be lost without her, I'm a very lucky man despite my afflictions," said Fee.

In addition to having a loving wife, Fee has three sons, a Golden Retriever named Cooper and one cat. These family members, he says, have helped him immensely in getting his life back on track.

"Often people who have a serious debilitating illness or condition simply need and must count on loved ones to be there to care for them. These friends and family members fill in the gaps in the medical system. They also fill any emotional voids that can provide stability in an otherwise unbalanced, unpredictable and strange new life."

After being released from hospital in October of 2003, Fee had to relearn many of the basic skills he used to easily perform.

"I gradually began to realize that I would need to relearn many of my favourite things all over again including how to use a computer," said Fee.

But spending so much time on a computer prior to his stroke is what Fee says may have increased his chances of having one in the first place.

"This activity probably contributed to the stress and resulting high blood pressure that caused my stroke."

After the stroke, Fee adds that it was determined by doctors that he suffered from sleep apnea. Sleep apnea is a sleep disorder characterized by pauses in breathing during sleep.

"I want to warn you that snoring can lead to sleep apnea and that a person with sleep apnea could be a potential candidate for a stroke."

To help him through the difficult recovery process, Fee decided to write a book about his life and what happened.

"I started writing down a few thoughts about my life, my stroke and my recovery efforts. I wrote about my early years growing up in Montreal and some of my various career changes and work adjustments."

In doing so, Fee says that precious memories from his life began to return to him.

"I have attempted various forms of therapy since I came home four and a half years ago and I've written about what worked and what didn't. Putting things in writing helped me rebuild and eventually remember what my life had been like prior to my stroke. Before I knew it, I was completely embroiled in the writing process and by the time I had finished, I keyed more than 100,000 words on over 400 6" x 9" pages," he said.

In the book, Fee also wrote about many other parts of his life that were and still are important to him including how he met his wife Helene and his experiences as a lead guitarist in a classic rock band playing in bars in Whitby and Oshawa."

During the healing process, Fee and his wife discovered Taoist Tai Chi. This form of Tai Chi is intended to improve the health of those who practice its various stretching activities.

"While my life may be different in many ways, in certain ways it is actually better. Taoist Tai Chi, which my wife and I practice on a daily basis, has enabled me to regain some of my strength, resilience and mobility and has improved my balance to the point where I can walk into a room rather than ride into it."

The Taoist Tai Chi internal art of taijiquan is the primary training method which is offered at all branches and locations of the Society around the world. People of all ages can learn and benefit from the gentle turning and stretching movements of this art and the form can be adapted to match any level of ability. It's a self-regulated form of exercise that lends itself to the needs of its participants.

When Peter first began participating in Tai Chi his wife just went along to provide her husband with any necessary assistance he needed. But shortly after she saw the positive health benefits the program provided, she too became involved.

"The Tai Chi set consists of 108 moves and takes four months to learn. I was lost after the first move!" she said. After receiving some assistance from an instructor, she was well on her way to learning the basics. Helen, who continues to participate in Tai Chi with her husband, encourages others to do the same.

"If it's something that you'd like to try, don't let the fact that you've never tried it before stop you," she told those at the meeting.

Kerri Daley, Program Manager with Community Care with the City of Kawartha Lakes, was in attendance to see how the Haliburton Highlands Stroke Support Group operates.

"We're trying to start our own group in the City of Kawartha Lakes. I'm thrilled to participate in this meeting and hear this inspirational guest speaker's story," said Daley.

Fee left those at the meeting with one final inspirational message.

"I am living proof that life goes on no matter what challenges we may encounter through our journey."

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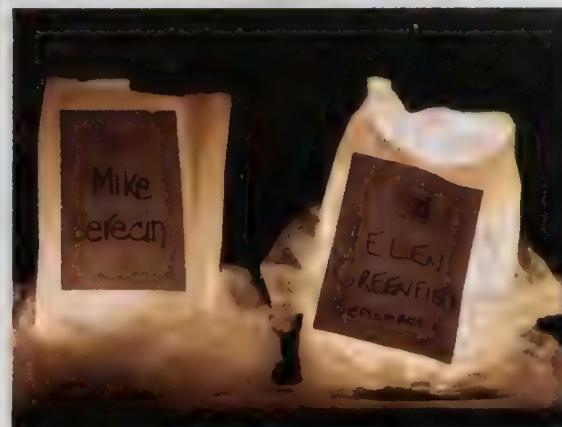
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Relay for Life - Come Rain or Come Shine They Marched On...



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Last Friday night a thousand Highlanders gave their time, money, and heartfelt commitment to finding a cure for cancer in the Second Annual Relay for Life held at the Haliburton High School. A total of 715 participants in 69 teams marched around the track field starting at 7:30 am and finishing up 12 hours later with the happy announcement by chief organizers Mike Iles and Aggie Tose that already some \$151,000 had been raised. Iles told the Voice later that that total was sure to rise as pledges continue to roll in. (In fact, at press time the total had risen to \$185,000.) Last year the Relay raised almost \$130,000 – in its first year – surpassing many centres with much larger populations. A few months ago the organizers had some concerns about whether or not they could repeat those amazing results. But sure enough, the community rallied again, with almost 200 volunteers joining the marchers and ensuring another night to remember. ■



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JDH student Owen Flood shows his Mom Melanie a bowl

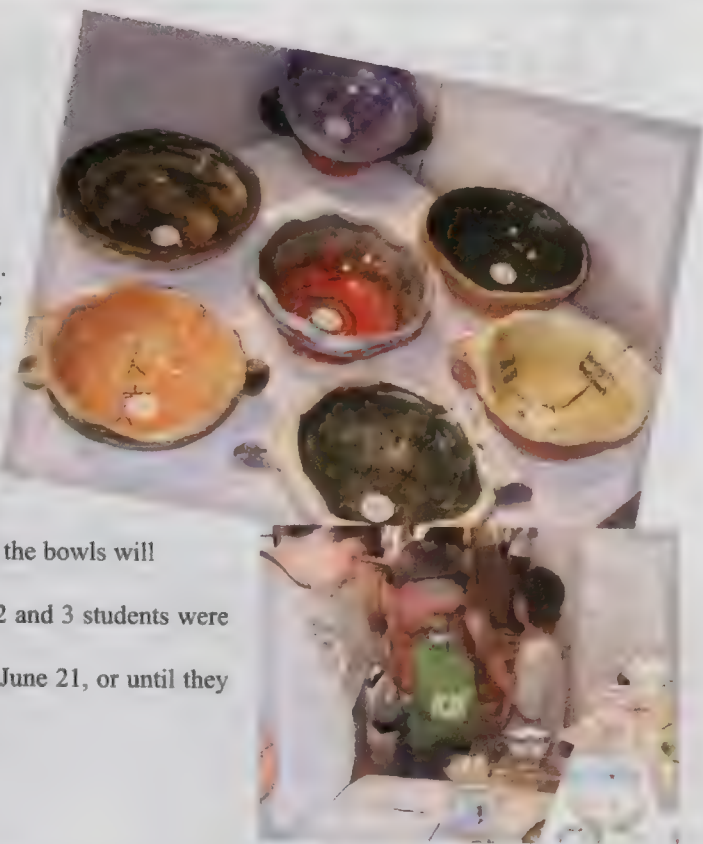
60 PLUS BOWLS REVEALED

Last Friday, bowls created by Grades 5 and 6 students from J.D. Hodgson Elementary School were put up for sale and display at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton during the '60 Bowls' exhibit.

In the project supported by The Ontario Arts Council, Haliburton School of the Arts, 4C's and the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, students worked alongside April Gates and Kortney Gerber to make two bowls. One was to keep for themselves and the other was to put up for sale at the gallery. With a poetry component also incorporated into the project, students decorated the bowls with various words and phrases. Proceeds from sales of the bowls will go directly to local food banks.

In addition to these bowls, an extra 24 bowls made by Grades 2 and 3 students were recently added to the exhibit.

The bowls will remain at the Rails End Gallery until Saturday, June 21, or until they sell-out. ■



Detecting a Stroke

Recognizing the Signs and Protecting Yourself



So what exactly is a stroke and how is it caused?

According to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, a stroke is a sudden loss of brain function caused by the interruption of blood flow to the brain (ischemic stroke) or when blood vessels rupture in the brain (hemorrhagic stroke). Due to the interruption of blood flow or the rupture of blood vessels, brain cells (neurons) in the affected area die. The effects of a stroke depend on where the brain was injured, as well as how much damage occurred.

A stroke can impact any number of areas including your ability to move, see, remember, speak, reason and read and write. In a small number of cases, stroke-like damage to the brain can occur when the heart stops (cardiac arrest). The longer the brain goes without the oxygen and nutrients supplied by the blood flow, the greater the risk of permanent brain damage. Brain injuries can also result in uncontrolled bleeding and permanent brain damage. This is usually referred to as an Acquired Brain Injury.

There are several warning signs that one can detect when experiencing a possible stroke. A stroke is a medical emergency, therefore it is extremely important to recognize the symptoms and respond immediately by calling 9-1-1 or your local emergency number to increase your chances of survival.

A stroke can be treated, that's why it's important to recognize these five signs.

- Weakness – a sudden loss of strength or sudden numbness in the face, arm or leg, even if temporary.
- Trouble speaking – Sudden difficulty speaking or understanding or sudden confusion, even if temporary.
- Vision problems – Sudden trouble with vision, even if temporary.
- Headache – Sudden severe and unusual headache.
- Dizziness – Sudden loss of balance, especially with any of the above signs. ■

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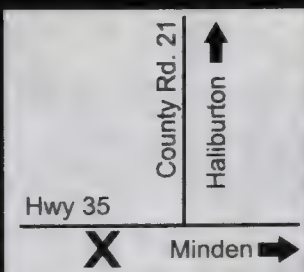
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A Friend to the Feral Cats

"It's gotten a bit out of hand."

(Terry Graham - By-Law Enforcement)

"I can't trap and kill these animals. It would break my heart."
(Bud Friesman)

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Bud Friesman is an animal lover doing all he can to save a colony of feral cats in Wilberforce. And according to Friesman, it's a tough pill to swallow when those same cats are in peril as a result of complaints by people who don't or won't

understand what he feels is the best course of action.

The matter of feral cats was raised at the Highlands East Council meeting on June 10th. Councillor Gary Stoughton said he'd had a complaint about the number of cats on Clement Lake Road. Stoughton said someone has been feeding the cats, causing them to congregate in the area. According to Stoughton, a seasonal neighbor of Friesman is considering leaving the area because of the cats. Stoughton also said that someone in the area had been trapping the cats, something that the Ministry of Natural Resources does not allow. It was apparent from discussion at the meeting that the matter had been turned over to Terry Graham, Highlands East By-Law Officer.

Graham confirmed that there were complaints about the cats, adding that there are problems with feral cats in Cardiff as well. When asked about people trapping the cats, Graham said, "There's case law on trapping people's pets

and destroying them." Graham confirmed that MNR had put a stop to the person who had been trapping the animals. He also said he had spoken with Friesman several times and was working with him to solve the problem.

Graham said, "The guy loves animals and wants to help, but it's gotten a bit out of hand. People don't want so many cats around their homes and gardens causing problems."

The municipality's Cat By-Law defines 'owner' as the person who either owns, harbours or keeps a cat or other animal. Graham has advised Friesman that if he feeds the cats or provides shelter to them, he is responsible for them, which means ensuring they aren't running at large immunized.

Under the terms of the By-Law and with the permission of neighboring property owners, Graham is live-trapping the cats. Graham says he's taken about 20 cats from various locations (Wilberforce and Cardiff) to the PAWS animal shelter in Faraday township. According to Graham, the animals will be kept there for a standard number of days (3) in the hopes of adoption, but eventually they would be euthanized.

Graham also said that animals in obvious distress would be put down right away. This is another thing that concerns Friesman who said, "How do you determine the level of illness or distress before they are killed?"

Graham said he'd done some research on feral cats, and referred the County Voice to a website called www.alleycat.org. The website dispels many misunderstandings about stray and feral cats and offers some concrete solutions to the problem.

Friesman is noticeably upset about the possibility that his 'colony' could be in jeopardy and even with the fact that he's agreed with Graham to stop feeding the cats for now. He's been in touch with Mary Shepherd who chairs the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee in London, Ontario and says he has been following her recommendations to the best of his ability. But he fears he will eventually need help to carry

on. Shepherd, who has been involved in animal welfare for many years, also chaired the Companion Animal Task Force in London and



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feral nature when left in the wild because it is afraid."

Shepherd is prepared to travel from London to speak with the Highlands East Council and will be contacting Reeve Dave Burton to request a chance to make a presentation to them. She'll also be contacting Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon, where similar problems have been encountered.

Friesman, for his part, wanted to dispel the rumors that he is harboring hundreds of cats. He said, "I do have as many as 25 or 30 that I've been feeding up to now, but the numbers go down in the summertime." He says he's devastated about the likelihood of the cats being put down if they're not adopted within three days of arriving at the pound.

According to Friesman, he is not the only person who has been feeding the cats and he says that a number of cottagers have provided him with food. Friesman is only aware of two people who have problems with the cats and have complained.

"I can't trap and kill these animals. It would break my heart. The colony is relatively healthy and I've been doing everything I can to keep them that way," said Friesman.

According to Friesman, he has spent almost \$600 over the last month, paying for veterinary bills in both Haliburton and Faraday. He's paid to clear up an infection in a nursing mother, cleared up a case of ear mites and had two males neutered. And that's over and above feeding them, not to mention the 7 cats that he has had either spayed or neutered in previous months. "I'm following the steps recommended and proven for reducing the size of the colony, but it's tough on my income. "I'm doing all I can to look after the cats and keep them concentrated in one area, not running all over the neighborhood," said Friesman.

Friesman said that he's lost a lot of litters primarily to fishers, but also to raccoons and weasels. He also says that some of the litters have been born inside and he has found homes for almost all of the kittens born there.

Like Shepherd, Friesman says that while the cost might be fairly high initially a new solution like trapping/spaying and releasing back into the wild in the long run would reduce the costs and number of animals to an acceptable level. He says, "Any compassionate township should look for a better solution than killing these animals."



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Minden Couple Celebrate Diamond Anniversary

"If God leaves us here until our 60th I'm having a party and I'd like you to come."

Tyson Farrell

Staff Reporter It was back on June 16, 1948 that Bill and Lenore Prentice of Minden first said their wedding vows, and ever since then the two have been happily married. Bill first met Lenore on the main street of

Minden when he was only 15-years-old. She was 16, and they soon began dating. By the time they were 19 Bill and Lenore married, and they began a rich and prosperous life in the Highlands.

Over the last 60 years the couple has lived in numerous locations, including downtown Minden, down the Gull River, and near Hunter Creek Estates. They founded Prentice Power Sports, which has been a Minden landmark for many years. They also built Lutterworth Pines, a mobile home park, and Hunter Creek Estates. When they were not developing estates, the couple was involved in the road construction business, owning Prentice Roads and Excavating.

As business owners Bill and Lenore did a great deal, but they also did a lot for the community as volunteers. Bill was an active member of the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association for many years, and Lenore has always been involved in community organizations. She works at Archie Stouffer Elementary school as a volunteer for the breakfast club, and she volunteers at church.

The happily married couple has a total of four children, nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren that all live in the area and help keep things interesting.

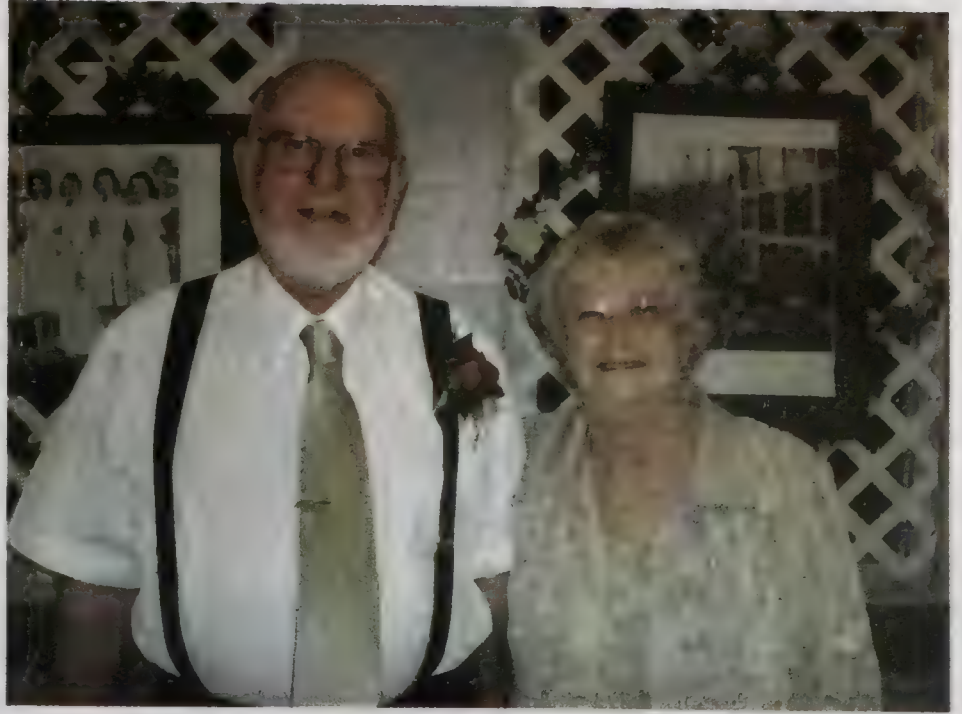
The couple didn't have any grand celebrations for their 50th wedding anniversary, so Lenore insisted that there be one for their 60th year together. "We didn't have much of a 50th wedding anniversary," Bill said. "I said, if God leaves us here until our 60th I'm having a party and I would like you to come!"

In response to Bill and Lenore's wishes, on Sunday, June 15, their family hosted an open house at the Minden Community Centre to celebrate the 60 year anniversary. From 2 to 4pm the community centre was packed as well over a hundred people came to give Bill and Lenore their best wishes. Gelert's Betty Marks and a team of volunteer laboured furiously in the kitchen and provided a feast for the guests and family to enjoy.

A long table was set up with a series of congratulatory certificates on it. Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Governor General Michelle Jean, and Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty all personally wrote to Bill and Lenore, praising them for 60 years of marriage. Haliburton County Warden Eleanor Harrison and Minden Reeve Jim McMahon congratulated the couple and presented Bill and Lenore with two more certificates.

There was also a gift table piled with many more presents. After dropping off their gifts, people were invited to sign a guest book and give Bill and Lenore their best wishes. Dozens lined up to shake hands, hug, and congratulate the couple. Although most of the guests were Highlanders, people travelled from as far away as Guelph to give Bill and Lenore their regards. Bill and Lenore's extended family, which has more than 30 members, was also at the reception.

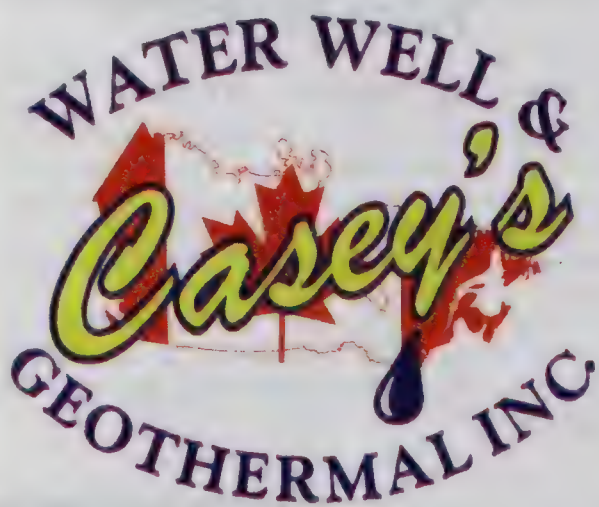
The couple was overwhelmed by the turnout and the generosity of their friends. "This is a beautiful, stunning day," Bill said. "I had no idea it would be like this. It makes me realize that I still take living in a small town for granted. The generosity and friendship that exist within this community leaves me breathless. It's truly amazing." ■



Bill and Lenore Prentice



Bill and Lenore Prentice pose with their family



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Bill C-51: Help or Hindrance?

Tyson Farrell
Staff Reporter

To some the words "Bill C-51" mean a great deal, and to others, the words mean nothing at all. It is hardly a household term, but it may become soon become one. Bill C-51 is a legislative bill that is currently being drafted by the federal government. The House of Commons official website summarizes the bill saying, "This enactment amends the *Food and Drugs Act* to modernize the regulatory system for foods and therapeutic products, to strengthen the oversight of the benefits and risks of therapeutic products throughout their life cycle, to support effective compliance and enforcement actions and to enable a greater transparency and openness of the regulatory system." In other words, the bill seeks to regulate the distribution of vitamins, therapeutic goods, and naturopathic products.

Parliament claims that they will reform therapeutic laws in an ethical manner. "The Parliament of Canada recognizes the objectives of protecting, promoting and improving human health, and recognizes that those objectives can only be realized through a continued commitment to the health and safety of the public. The Parliament of Canada recognizes that openness and transparency, including the sharing of information and the meaningful involvement of the public in seeking the input of those impacted by regulatory decisions, help advance understanding of risks and benefits and enhance the credibility of and public trust in decision-making," the website states. It would thus appear as though parliament is attempting to transparently reform an Act and improve the health of Canadians.

Although parliament presents the bill as a good thing, many Highlanders believe that bill C-51 is unmoral, unethical, and completely undesirable. Haliburton resident Jerelyn Craden is particularly outspoken about the issue. "I'm one of the many Highlanders who buy vitamin supplements and naturopathic drugs. Bill C-51 would prevent about 75% of the current naturopathic products from being sold in markets! If people use herbs for medical teas, they wouldn't have access to the herbs without a prescription. It's the government trying to take control of alternative medicine. They're taking away your right to take care of yourself. We're adults. We should be able to make decisions for ourselves. Can you imagine needing a doctor's note to buy

"When you consider all of the people that die because they're prescribed the wrong drugs, or they mix prescription drugs, you realize how ridiculous this bill is."

vitamins?" In Craden's opinion, the Highlands would be particularly affected by the bill. "I believe that average age in the Highlands is 55. Most seniors are taking some kind of vitamin supplement. Imagine how difficult it would be for them if vitamin access was regulated."

"This bill could have some validity if there were a lot of deaths caused by improper usage of these products. But there

properly, it could help protect people, and still allow them to get proper medicine. It all depends on how the bill is written. At the moment a lot of people hear that the bill will be constrictive, and they jump to conclusions. People need to be careful not to leap to panicked opinions, or alarmist points of view. Some people think that the bill will cause local health food stores that sell vitamins and alternative medicine to go out of business. This isn't going to happen," Weir said. "Writing the bill is a dicey situation. It could be an infringement on our rights. I agree that it shouldn't limit our choices."

Deborah Lyons operates the Store Room Natural Foods store in downtown Minden. She is apprehensive of the bill, but she has yet to formulate a definitive opinion. "I've read the bill, but it's very difficult to understand. You need to be an expert that is used to reading parliamentary legislature to fully understand it. I want to help defend the natural medicine industry, but it's hard to do that when I don't fully understand what is happening," she said. "At the moment, there is already a regulatory body that imposes safety regulations and takes care of the public's health. I feel safe and comfortable with how things currently work and what is on our shelves."

Lyons believes that large pharmaceutical corporations may have something to do with the drafting of the bill. "I've heard rumours that pharmaceutical companies want to take over natural health products. If they did take over, there would be a lot of change. A 500 mg bottle of vitamin C which costs eight dollars could suddenly cost \$45. We had a product taken off our shelves which contained rice yeast. It helped to lower cholesterol. I wonder if it was taken off because somebody lobbied to remove it. According to pharmaceutical companies, many people have high cholesterol. The pharmaceutical companies want to be the ones that control the medication for it. Perhaps they removed the product. Perhaps the bill would allow such processes to continue."

Bill C-51 is still in the drafting process, and has yet to become a law. There is little doubt that as the process continues, many Highlanders will continue to closely monitor its progress. ■



"If the bill is written properly, it could help protect people, and still allow them to get proper medicine."

isn't. I've read a lot about the topic, and I haven't even heard of a single death caused by vitamin on naturopathic drug usage," Craden said. "When you consider all of the people that die because they're prescribed the wrong drugs, or they mix prescription drugs, you realize how ridiculous this bill is." Craden believes that parliament is passing the bill to appease large pharmaceutical corporations. "There's one conservative MP that's really promoting the bill. People just found out that he owns shares in a pharmaceutical company. If the bill passes, the company will make a lot of money," Craden said.

Joan Weir is a naturopathic doctor who lives near Halls Lake. She is not as skeptical about the bill as Craden. "People need to understand the intricacies of the bill. A lot of decisions have yet to be made. Who will prescribe what? What will be hard to access? People need to be careful and not leap to conclusions. There has been a great increase of interest in naturopathic medicine over the last few years. People have been reading things in magazines and mixing myriads of different products. This can be harmful. If the bill is written



Police Reports Impaired Driver

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment have charged a male after stopping a vehicle shortly before 1:00am on Saturday June 14th, in the Village of Minden.

The officers had conversation with the driver who subsequently failed a roadside screening device test and was arrested.

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Students could be found flipping, tumbling and singing in front of their fellow peers. According to Secretary Judy Pergolas, students auditioned to secure a spot in the talent show.

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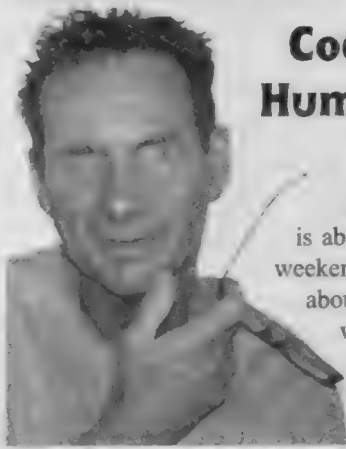


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Cody Hodgson Humbled by Draft Status

Hodgson's Family Reunion in Ottawa This Weekend

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

Consider this. Cody Hodgson is about to enter negotiations this weekend that will have a profound impact upon his future. He is about to sign a contract that will set him up for life financially. He will inherit an agent and, down the road, a portfolio manager and he will, this weekend, be signing on a dotted line that marks the culmination of a dream he's harboured for a long, long time.

He will become, in the charming and utilitarian vernacular of today's sports culture, a "commodity."

And now, consider this. He's only 18. And sure, Cody Hodgson is smart. And sure, he's durable. And yes, he sports some wide shoulders. But, surely, this is still a lot of Gucci baggage to be lugging around at such a young age.

But talk to this young man and one is moved by his apparent ability to place distractions on the table. His focus is impeccable and he remains grounded, by dint of an unstinting work ethic and a family that sustains.

Hodgson, a Markham resident and Haliburton cottager, who got his hockey start at four years of age on the surface of the Dysart et al Arena in Haliburton's minor hockey organization, will enter the 2008 NHL hockey draft this weekend in Ottawa as the number eight or nine projected pick. A former Markham Waxers' teammate and Sarnia Sting standout, Steven Stamkos is the consensus number one pick in this year's NHL draft sweepstakes.

Central Scouting lists Hodgson as the number nine pick, while Canada's hockey bible, the Hockey News, ranks him eighth. He is the unanimous number one pick among most minor hockey league players and a myriad of interested adult fans in the Haliburton Highlands.

When we talked on Monday from his home in Markham, he was downplaying the hoopla. He did, after all, have a few other things on his mind.

"I'll be heading to Ottawa on Wednesday ... I've got a few interviews to do and there are some other meetings that I have to attend," said Hodgson.

"Oh, and I've been writing exams, but I'll be finished tomorrow," he added.

Exams? Yes, it's hard to believe, but along with everything else that's going on right now in this young man's life: the hockey epiphany, the interviews, the negotiations, the too-many-to-count voicemails and text messages, the well-wishes from family, former coaches and friends, Cody Hodgson was also scrambling to find time to deal with his grade 12 finals.

Hard to imagine that the two-time winner of the Brampton Battalion's scholastic award would be overly chuffed about the exams, but Hodgson has always excelled in his studies and it's hard to believe that he will be giving anything less than his usual 110 percent. Indeed, Hodgson was voted as the smartest player in the Ontario Hockey League's Eastern Conference, ahead of Ottawa 67's forward Logan Couture, in the 2008 OHL Coaches Poll. That's not for his capacity to define pi to the 23rd decimal, but for his innate ability to change the course of a game with his discerning eye and impeccable reads. Perusing a lot of the advanced scouting reports on various pro scout blogs, there is a concurrence that Hodgson is a "game-changer." In scout-speak, that means that Hodgson is blessed with a capacity to challenge variations in game tempo. From an opposing coach's standpoint Hodgson is that unique and savvy player who is at once, tough to nullify and impossible to ignore. In

coaching parlance he is "canny." And canny is a good thing, especially when a signing bonus is on the line.

The Sports Network (TSN) ranks Hodgson at number nine. "One scout dubs the Brampton Battalion forward as the sleeper of this year's draft, a complete package forward who maybe isn't as big or as fast or as purely skilled as some, but one who puts all elements of his game together as well as just about anybody in this draft class," says TSN.com. They go on to allow that, when assessing the entire package, Hodgson is, "really not that far off Stamkos."

On the MapleLeaf.com website, the scouting assessment reflects Hodgson's all-round qualities.

"Cody is a treat to watch. He is a very skilled centerman who's hockey sense has him quarterbacking the power-play from down at the half boards. He knows when to shoot and when to pass - his point total reflects that. He's also a good face-off guy; he can take face-offs with the best of them and win them at the OHL level. Quite an all-around asset to any team that drafts him."

He was ranked in the top 20 in OHL scoring this year, with 85 points and led the Battalion in goals with 40 in 68 games in 2007-08. He had five goals in five playoff games versus the Barrie Colts who eliminated the Troops in the first round of the OHL playoffs for the second straight season.

Sometimes fate steps in. The first round ouster came as a big disappointment for the Battalion, who were heavily favored to advance at least to the OHL finals last season. One door clunked shut with a thud, but another opened for Hodgson and his Battalion teammate and summer training partner, Matt Duchene. Duchene and Hodgson spent their formative years in the Haliburton minor hockey ranks. (In The Hockey News Draft Preview, Special Issue, Duchene is already projected as the number 4 pick in the 2009 NHL Entry Draft.)

They still spend a great deal of time together in the summer, shooting, training and bonding. Two very talented centermen; one heart-coursing dream.

Part of that dream came together this spring when both players were asked by Hockey Canada to join Canada's Under-18 squad for the IIHF Tournament in Kazan, Russia. They won gold together. Hodgson, the captain, and Duchene, the sniper. Players do not enter a world tourney to bolster their draft profiles. But if you're talented enough, and if you're dedicated enough and if you are smart enough to place team before personal endowment, well, let's just say that the scouts have a knack for sifting clues.

Both Hodgson and Duchene shone. And they stood out for the right reasons. They were unselfish, driven and smart. They moved the puck with alacrity. They saw the ice. They churned out quality shifts and they spotted the open man.

Indeed, Hodgson led all players at the 2008 Under-18 IIHF World Championships with 10 assists (2-10--12) and 12 points in leading Canada to the Gold Medal.

On Tuesday Hodgson closed a chapter. When he put his pencil down on the desk and left the examination room, his high school career ended. This weekend, Cody Hodgson embarks on a new journey.

He seems unfazed by the process. "I'm obviously hoping to go high, but I have no control over that," said Hodgson. "I'm really just very happy to be where I am right now. A lot of trades can be made as we get closer to the draft deadline, so I can't speculate, but wherever I go I'll be happy."

And he also said that if he ends up going to a club with a strong array of forwards, he won't mind spending another year back with the Battalion. But that doesn't mean that he won't be bringing his A-game to an NHL rookie camp. "A lot of young guys like Sam Gagner and Patrick Kane have shown that they can come out and play and contribute right away, and so I'll obviously be trying very hard to stick," said Hodgson. "But if that doesn't work out, I'll be happy to come back to Brampton and play with Matt (Duchene) for another year. And I think we'll have a very strong club again this year."

If the projections run to form, Hodgson is sitting smack dab in the wheelhouse of the Toronto Maple Leafs, who own the seventh pick in this year's draft. Phoenix picks eighth and coach Wayne Gretzky has made no secret about his high regard for Hodgson. The Nashville Predators own the ninth pick and if Hodgson is still around, there is little doubt that coach Barry Trotz would make a play for the talented centerman.

"I don't like to speculate," said Hodgson, "because a lot can happen between now and draft day. A lot of trades, a lot of moves."

Hodgson will be in Ottawa on Wednesday, but his entourage won't be far behind.

"The whole family is going down on Thursday," laughs Hodgson. "It's going to be fun, a lot of family and a lot of friends and I hear that some people from Haliburton are also planning on coming down. I consider myself very lucky just to be in this position."

Schools out and Cody Hodgson will be receiving a special graduation gift this weekend.

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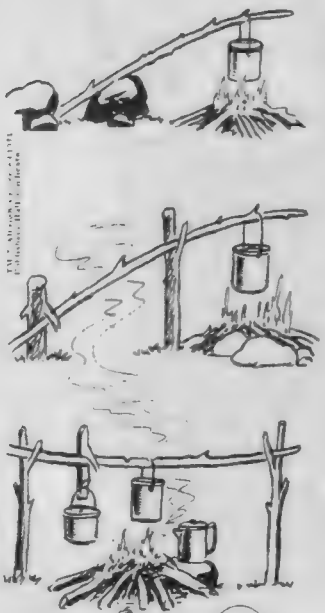
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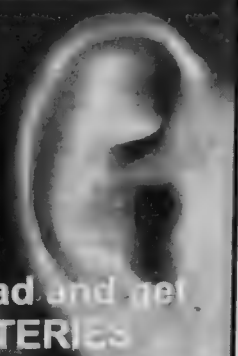
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Minden River Kings Participate in First GMHL Draft

Ramping Up for Early August Selection Camp

Terrance Gavan

Sports Editor

Some first round wheeling and dealing by coaches

Mike Jeschke and Brooks Robinson gave Minden River Kings some strategic early picks in the annual Greater Metro Hockey League (GMHL) Draft Showcase held at the World Hockey Center in Shelburne, Ontario on Sunday, June 8.

The larger history will show that Minden's first ever GMHL draft pick was a member of the River Kings for all of 90 seconds.

"We heard that Tamworth (Cyclones) was really interested in a kid named Conrad Bernard, so we drafted him with our first pick (the 14th pick overall) and then we dealt him for three draft picks," said Jeschke.

Each of the GMHL clubs went through ten rounds of picks. The River Kings came away from the draft with some solid players and a future consideration - as part of that trade with the Cyclones. Jeschke said that he and Robinson were happy with their selections.

"We passed on our last round pick, because there just wasn't anything left at that time," said Jeschke, who, along with Robinson, attended all three days of the third annual GMHL draft showcase and camp. Jeschke was later informed that the league had added goaltender Nicholas Robertson as a tenth round acquisition to round out the River Kings' picks.

On-ice activities were held at Bob Fallis Arena in Bradford and at the Innisfil Rec Center. According to the league, about 100 players took to the ice last Friday and Saturday (June 6 and 7) scrimmaging and vying to fill spots for the 2008-2009 season. All 14 GMHL teams were present and looking to fill spots on their prospective clubs.

Players competed in three games, one practice and some dryland drills over the course of the three days. The actual player draft began at about 3 PM on Sunday, June 8.

Minden's number one pick, obtained from Tamworth early in the second round is forward Scott Baker and he was the only Canadian player chosen by the Kings in the draft. Baker is 17, and a lean and lanky 6' 165 pound forward who Jeschke said is an excellent player with a great skill set. His family also has a cottage in Tory Hill, so Baker does have at least a partial connection to the area.

The Kings' other selections in the draft all hail from either the US or Sweden.

Their second pick, Evan Beasley is a wide-bodied, 5'10", 235-pound defenceman from Houston, Texas. Jeschke said that Beasley is a gung ho prospect. He showed with his parents at the Minden Timberfest last weekend and spent some time at the River Kings' booth, which was selling caps, t-shirts and season tickets. Jeschke said the 18-year-old brings a lot of muscle and hustle to the table. "He's a solid prospect, with a lot of potential," said Jeschke. And his parents apparently liked what they saw as well. They were pursuing some real estate leads on Lake Kashagawigamog over the course of the weekend.

Their third pick, Parker Bonnis (32nd overall), was also picked up as part of the trade deal with the Cyclones, selected with Tamworth's early third round pick. Bonnis, who played with the Munroe County Eagles under-16 club is a young and very talented goaltender, and Jeschke said that the River Kings were lucky to grab him when they did.

"We really didn't think that he'd still be available and when he was we snapped him up," said Jeschke.

Bonnis (5'8" and 150 pounds) is out of Rochester, New York and he's only 15-years-old, but according to Jeschke, he has some pretty viable credentials and a promising career outlook.

"He was born in 93, so he's still very young, but he's one of the players in the draft that has potential to move up to the OHL after a year here," said Jeschke. Minden's next pick was another goaltender, Jeremy Schafer, 17 out of Tampa Florida. Defenceman Jesper Soderholm (17-years-old, 6'5 and 265) from Djurgarden Sweden was the Kings fifth overall pick.

Other picks included: Brent Nussbaum, 16, a 6', 200 pound blueliner from Tampa Florida; Defenseman Tyan Cole (6'2" 190 pounds) from Pikes Peak, Colorado; Travis MacKinney, a 6'5", 210, 18-year-old defenseman, from Dallas Texas; Uriiah Machuga, forward from the California Wave under 16s; Gustav Elfvig (17, 5'11" 200 pound) from Troja, Sweden.

Jeschke was careful to underscore that none of the players chosen in the GMHL Draft Showcase 2008 would be guaranteed spots on the roster.

"We made it clear to all of the players that there were no guarantees," said Jeschke last Sunday.

He added that the drafted players would all have to try out at the August selection camp slated for the Minden Hills Arena the weekend of August 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

He says that just over 60 players have made commitments to attend the August camp. Jeschke is hoping for an eventual turn out of 72-plus players. "We'd really like to see 100 players for the selection camp in August, but we'll have to see how things go as we get closer to the date," said Jeschke.

He said that training camp arrangements can be made by contacting the Kings via email at mindenjrachockey@yahoo.ca or by phone at 705-286-6768.

No local players have signed up for the training camp yet, but Jeschke said that he expects that to change as the selection camp dates draw closer. "We know there are a couple of local players interested, but until we get the contract, we can't be sure that they'll commit," said Jeschke. Jeschke has always maintained that one of the Kings' priorities is to involve at least a couple of local players in the final roster mix. He's still looking forward to seeing several promising young area players involved in the August camp.

Jeschke said that the GMHL also announced last weekend that the league will be divided into North and South Divisions, a factor that will greatly reduce the amount of travel, especially for the teams located closest to the GTA.

Minden will be in the Northern Division with South Muskoka, Elliot Lake Bobcats, Espanola Kings, Nipissing Alouettes, Oro-Medonte 77s and the Brock Bucks.

Jeschke said that the River Kings will play five games against each of the Northern clubs and will compete in home-at-home dates against each of the Southern Division teams.

He said that the schedule will be available on the GMHL website shortly, but the River Kings have already confirmed that their first game will happen September 13th.

He said that plans are ongoing for the new dressing room to be located in the former storage area in the rear of the arena. "I've seen the plans and they've done a great job on it," said Jeschke. He added that the River Kings logo is ready to be installed at center ice and that will happen when the Arena puts down the ice surface in July. Plans are also underway for the Minden River Kings display sign to be located in front of the arena.

The River Kings will have a booth available at the Canada Day celebrations in Minden.

Jeschke said that there will be souvenir t-shirts, ball caps and season tickets available at the Minden River Kings kiosk during the July 1st celebrations.

Season tickets are \$135 and include all exhibition and playoff games with the package.

The team hopes to have their website up shortly and one may want to track that progress by going to gmhl.net and clicking on the appropriate links. ■

Haliburton County Winners at Lindsay Track Meet

Here's a list of the Haliburton County Elementary School athletes who placed in the top six in their events at the Trillium Lakelands Track Meet in Lindsay held on June 5th.

Senior Girls: 1500m

- Lisa Dunn, ASES, 4th. Shot Put - Carley Shaw, JDH, 6th. High Jump, Tessa Iles, JDH, 3rd. 4X100m Relay, JDH, 6th.

Intermediate Girls:

100m - Casey Pringle, JDH, 5th. 200m - Ali Hicks, JDH, 1st (record time). 800m, Brigitta Hicks, JDH, 6th. Shot Put, Sandy Griffith, JDH, 6th. Long Jump, Ali Hicks, JDH, 1st, Meghan Allore, ASES, 2nd, Sandy Griffith, JDH, 4th. Triple Jump, Brigitta Hicks, JDH, 2nd, Sandy Griffith, JDH, 4th, Meghan Allore, ASES, 6th. High Jump, Brigitta Hicks, JDH, 2nd. 4X100m Relay, JDH, 1st (record time).

Intermediate Boys: Long Jump, Monty Wheeler, ASES, 2nd. High Jump, Drew Hewitt, ASES, 4th. 4X100m Relay, ASES, 3rd.

Junior Girls: Long Jump, Cassidy Garbutt, ASES, 1st, Kendall Marsden, SBES, 2nd. Triple Jump, Krista Duncan, ASES, 4th. 4X100m Relay, ASES, 2nd, JDH, 6th.

Junior Boys: 100m, Joseph Patrick, JDH, 1st, Nolan Hurtle, ASES, 4th. 400m, Nolan Hurtle, ASES, 3rd. Long Jump, Curtis Ballantyne, ASES, 2nd, Joseph Patrick, JDH, 4th. 4X100 Relay, ASES, 2nd.



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Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Students and Seniors Unite in Intergenerational Activities

Seniors from Extendicare got together with Grade 3 students of Stuart Baker Elementary School on Monday for a little quality activity time in the annual Olympics.

In this event, launched back in 2000, students are paired together with seniors to play various games including mini putt golf, a modified version of darts and bowling. All of the supplies for the event were provided by and brought in by Extendicare.

"The kids get to bond with the seniors which is neat," said Extendicare volunteer Mary Turner. Turner gave an example of how one student two years ago developed a strong bond with their senior partner.

"We had a little boy who really attached with an elderly gentleman and when they had to go he cried his eyes out. It was so touching I think that most of us were choked up as well."

Cathy Boake, Teacher of the Grade 3 class, also says that the activity day is a great way of getting seniors together with students in a fun environment.

"I think it's wonderful for the students to mingle with the seniors. They were very excited about doing this today. Some of them are a little bit shy but they'll come around," said Boake.

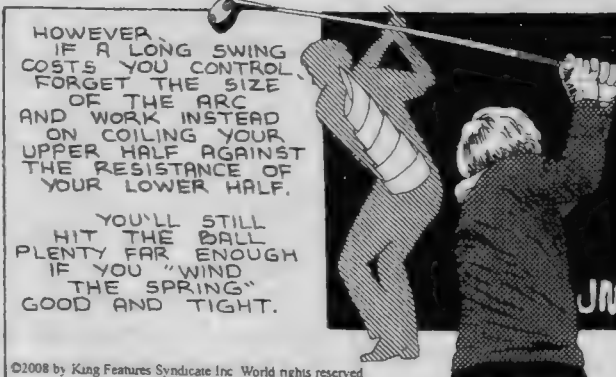
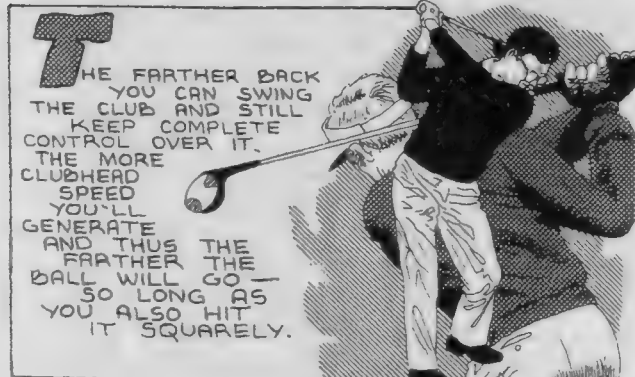
She also believes that the program raises student's awareness levels of the fact that an elderly community exists in the area. It's also a good way of getting seniors involved, she says.

"Some of these children don't have grandparents and some aren't aware that there are older people in the community. I think it's really good for the seniors. It would be really nice if we could do this more times in the year so that the kids could get to know them better."

Following the activities, students sat down to a burger lunch with the seniors. ■



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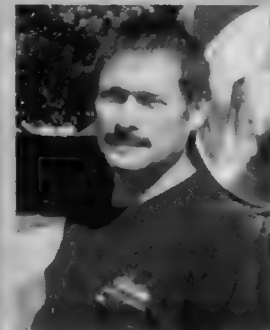


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We asked people in Minden, "Did you support last Friday and Saturday's Relay For Life event? Why do you think this is a good event for the community and do you know someone who has been affected by cancer?"



Don Stromberg, Minden - "I went in the survivor's lap. It was awesome because of the actual amount of survivors participating. My mother-in-law and grandmother were affected by cancer. They were also in the survivors lap."



Laura Janke, Norland - "I support it. My sister ran in it and I encouraged the staff at our office to go. I think it's great. If we keep giving our financial support, they'll have to eventually find a cure. We've got to keep supporting it."



Fred Mawbey, Haliburton - "Anything to do with that is great. I lost both my mother and father to cancer. We need to do what we can to make people aware of it."



Cheryl McCarroll, Minden - "I think it was awesome. One of the girls from our office walked in it. I understand that they had a really wonderful night."



Pat Marshall, Maple Lake - "I think that it's a fabulous thing. It gets the community together and thinking. It's a wonderful cooperation between businesses and the whole community. I made a donation. My husband lost both parents to cancer. Everyone needs to keep up the good work!"



Warren Riley, Minden - "I just lost my kidney so I couldn't participate. We have to have these functions. Relay for Life helps, but there's got to be more of this kind of stuff because today's provincial, municipal and federal funds are going to the wrong things."



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New Flag For Highlands East



Jennifer Covert is presented with \$250 First Prize and Certificate of Appreciation by Reeve Dave Burton for her winning design of the new Highlands East Municipal flag.

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter



The Highlands East Council made a very special presentation last week. As a result of a recent school contest in the Municipality, Council chose a new flag design. They received an overwhelming response from the schools, receiving 100 entries. The winning design was submitted by Jennifer Covert, a Grade 8 student from Cardiff Elementary School.

Covert was presented with the first prize winnings of \$250.00 by Reeve Dave Burton. Her design included a wolf, standing on rolling green hills in front of a rising sun.

The second prize winner was Patricia Savard, a Grade 5 student from Wilberforce Elementary School. Third prize went to Rebecca Anderson, also a Grade 5 student from Wilberforce. Savard won \$100.00 for her entry and Anderson received \$50.00. All three students were presented with an official framed certificate of appreciation by Reeve Burton.

There was quite a delegation in the Council Chambers to view and celebrate the presentations including the Principal and Staff from both schools as well as parents. Burton, in his welcoming comments, said how much Council appreciated the participation of so many students. According to Burton, it was Councillor Gary Stoughton's idea that the Municipality should have an official flag. Council unanimously accepted the idea and ran with it.

Burton said, "The selection committee had a very hard time choosing the winning designs. It was a tough decision." He went to say that the winning design would be sent out to a professional graphic artist for some fine tuning before it was ready for reproduction.

After the presentations were made, Council discussed how they might show their appreciation to all of the kids who submitted their ideas. A resolution was passed that each child who participated would be awarded \$10.00 and given a certificate of appreciation for their work. ■



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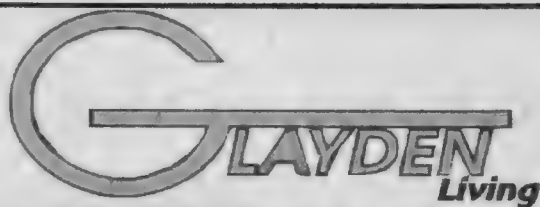


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Horoscopes

It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: You are guided in what you do both by your intelligence and your emotions. An acting career would suit you quite well.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Count to 10 if you must, but don't lose your temper, despite that person's (you know who!) efforts to goad you into reacting. Your restraint will pay off in a big way.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) This week finds you in a sociable mood, ready and eager to enjoy the company of family and friends. It's also a good time to seek out and renew old friendships.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Patience is called for as you await a decision about that project you're eager to launch. Meanwhile, try to set aside more time to share with that special person in your life.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Avoid becoming involved in a workplace dispute early in the week by insisting both sides submit their stands to a neutral arbitrator. Things begin to cool off by Thursday.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It promises to be a busy but productive week for the Big Cat. The pace slows by Friday, allowing you to catch up on matters you put aside but that now need your attention.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A suddenly disruptive family situation is best handled with a cool, calm and collected response. Wait until things settle to let off all that pent-up emotional steam.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your practical side dominates the week as you reassess your finances to make some sensible adjustments in what you plan to spend and what you expect to save.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An unexpected meeting with a former colleague opens some interesting possibilities. But you need to press for full disclosure before making a decision.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A recent flurry of activity eases by midweek, giving you time to readjust your disrupted schedule and make new plans for a weekend getaway.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You're usually the one who gives advice. But now it's time to open yourself up to counsel from friends who have your best interests at heart.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might find resistance to your call for a full inquiry into a workplace problem. But by week's end even the most rigid naysayers begin to come around.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A recurring problem surfaces once again. Maybe it's time you used your creative talents to help you find a new approach to resolving it once and for all.



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

GIRL HANGING OUT WITH OLDER BOYS IS HEADED FOR TROUBLE

DEAR ABBY: I am 19 years old and have known a girl I'll call Emma for a couple of years. She's 14 and like a member of my family — a little sister. My parents joke that Emma is their second daughter.

Emma is an only child and lives with her mother. Her dad is an alcoholic who is currently serving time in prison. Lately Emma has been hanging out with a group of 18- and 19-year-old boys who let her drink and smoke pot with them. People say she's just "doing what all teens do," but I have never smoked or had a drink in my life.

Should I tell Emma's mother what's going on and risk losing our relationship, or should I wait to see if it's just a phase? I feel responsible, but don't know what to do.
— BIG SISTER IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR BIG SISTER: Tell Emma's mother NOW. Because Emma's father is an alcoholic, she already has the predisposition to become one. The longer you procrastinate, the greater her chances of getting into serious trouble — and face it, she's already well on her way. The "boys" Emma is hanging out with are too old for her, and girls under the influence of alcohol and marijuana make mistakes that can affect the rest of their lives.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 26, and "Henry," my boyfriend of five years, and I are expecting our first child. We're not married, but plan to be sometime after the baby arrives.

My problem is my mother. She keeps telling me that because Henry and I aren't married, the baby's last name should be my maiden name. She says it's the law. I always believed that a child's last name should be the father's last name, married or not.

Is my mother right, or is our baby entitled to have his father's last name? — SECOND THOUGHTS IN SANTA ROSA, CALIF.

DEAR SECOND THOUGHTS: According to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records, because you and Henry are not married, in order for his name to appear on the baby's birth certificate, he will have to sign a Declaration of Paternity. This can be done in the hospital at the time of the child's birth. However, because you don't live in L.A. County, and laws can vary in different places, check with the birth clerk at the hospital where the baby will be delivered.

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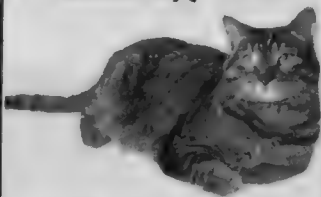


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Subject: SCIENTISTS AND INVENTORS
(e.g., He purportedly was inspired by a falling apple.
Answer: Isaac Newton.)

FRESHMAN LEVEL

1. He was offered the presidency of Israel.
Answer: _____
2. This Italian scientist was tried by the Inquisition for heresy.
Answer: _____
3. This British theoretical physicist is almost totally paralyzed.
Answer: _____

GRADUATE LEVEL

4. His journals are mostly written in mirror-image cursive.
Answer: _____
5. He purportedly ran naked through the streets shouting, "Eureka!"
Answer: _____
6. This husband and wife team shared a Nobel Prize.
Answer: _____

PH.D. LEVEL

7. His research laboratory was at Menlo Park.
Answer: _____
8. This Augustinian priest was a pioneering geneticist.
Answer: _____
9. Holding a spoon in the steam over a kettle's spout intrigued him.
Answer: _____

ANSWERS: 1. Albert Einstein. 2. Galileo. 3. Stephen Hawking. 4. Leonardo da Vinci. 5. Archimedes. 6. Pierre and Marie Curie. 7. Thomas Edison. 8. Gregor Mendel. 9. James Watt.

SCORING:

18 points — congratulations, doctor; 15 to 17 points — you're plenty smart, but no grind; 4 to 9 points — you really should hit the books harder; 1 point to 3 points — enroll in remedial courses immediately; 0 points — who reads the questions to you?

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- 5 Restrain
- 10 Conduit fittings
- 14 Active volcano
- 18 "The Green —" ('56 hit)
- 19 Victorian ornament
- 20 Rachel's sister
- 21 TV's "The Wonder —"
- 23 Guns n' Roses hit
- 26 — nous
- 27 Soprano Gluck
- 28 "— a day's work"
- 29 Sleuth Nancy
- 31 Herriman's "Krazy —"
- 32 Mythical monster
- 34 In flight
- 37 Adjective suffix
- 38 One of "The Three Tenors"
- 43 Rock's — & the Gang
- 44 Pine
- 46 Kimono cummerbund
- 47 Interrogates
- 49 Cranny's companion
- 51 Toomey or Philbin

54 Rose

- 54 Rose Nylund's portrayer
- 58 Okefenokee, for one
- 61 Skin problem
- 62 Irwin of "The Crocodile Hunter"
- 63 '78 Peace Nobel
- 65 Pestiferous person
- 67 Unmatched
- 68 Went like hotcakes
- 71 Apprehend
- 72 Cumin or coriander
- 73 Stretch the truth
- 74 Health concern
- 77 Billy Rose song
- 80 Organ of equilibrium
- 81 Poetic pot
- 82 Reference volume
- 83 Patriotic org.
- 84 Prepare prunes
- 86 Bar supply
- 87 Linguist
- 88 Scope
- 90 Unbroken
- 94 "Divine Comedy" figure
- 96 Caroline, to Ted

98 "The Name of the Rose"

- 101 Send the money
- 103 Salt serving
- 105 — Alto, CA
- 106 Dover's st.
- 107 Fight site
- 110 Temporary wealth?
- 112 Butcher's offering
- 115 "The — and I" ('47 film)
- 117 "Fait —"
- 119 Ending for "auction"
- 120 Sought office
- 121 Penny or peseta
- 122 Wrong
- 126 Architect
- 129 Conductor
- 131 Rose McGowan movie
- 136 Murcia mister
- 137 Take — the chin
- 138 Spring for
- 139 Actress Ward
- 140 Live on lettuce
- 141 Bean on the bean
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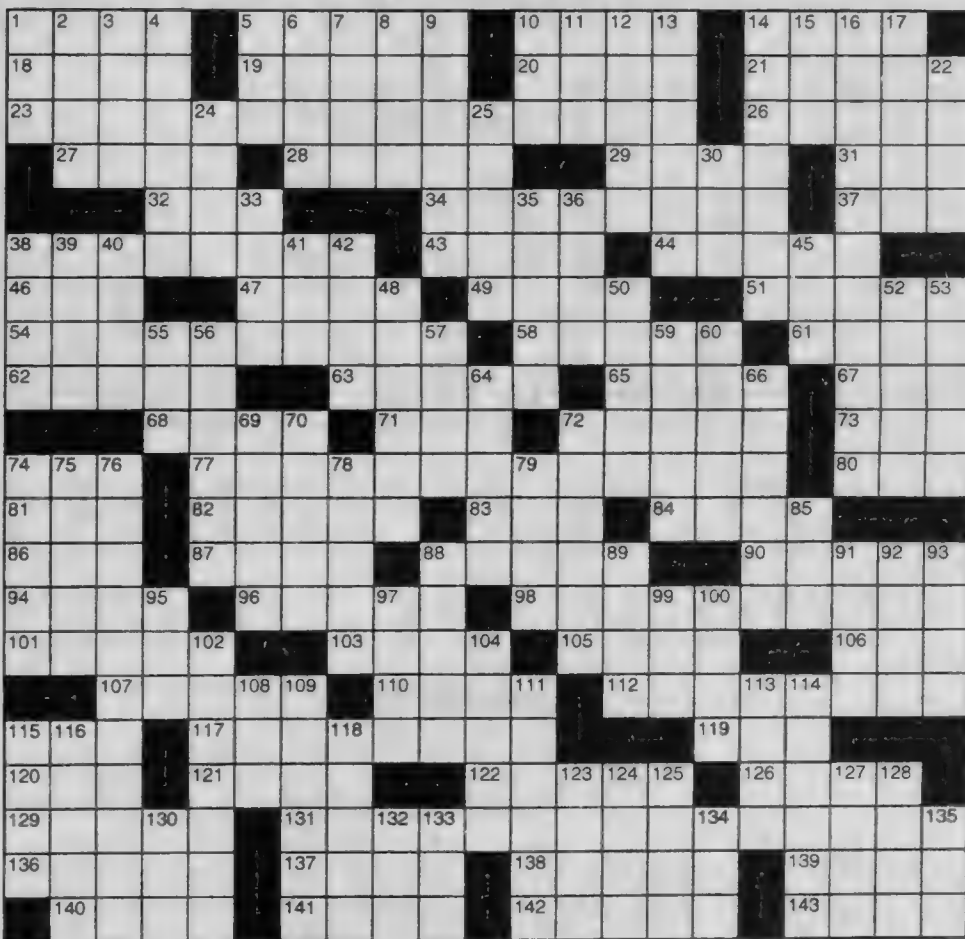
- 1 Pitches
- 2 Where the tall corn grows
- 3 Gallagher of Oasis
- 4 Aftershock
- 5 New Deal agcy.
- 6 "Very funny!"
- 7 Runner Zatopek
- 8 Room without a view?
- 9 Alaskan bear
- 10 Shady character?
- 11 Wahine's wreath
- 12 Joe of "Dr. Quinn"
- 13 '62 Four Seasons hit
- 14 Glasses
- 15 Dress size
- 16 "Ramblin' Rose" singer
- 17 Stage backdrop
- 22 Clockmaker Thomas
- 24 Grocer's measure
- 25 Tearjerker?
- 30 Vane letters
- 33 Guile
- 35 Perch
- 36 Run through
- 38 Male swans
- 39 Help a hood
- 40 Formal ceremony
- 41 — blond

42 Goes down-hill fast?

- 45 Stephen of "Interview with the Vampire"
- 48 Loses a lap
- 50 Phi Beta —
- 52 79 Down's homeland
- 53 Passover meal
- 55 Watching machines?
- 56 Petty officer
- 57 Dairy-case purchase
- 59 "Upstairs, Downstairs" extras
- 60 Ornamental loop
- 64 Gulf
- 66 Most revolutionary
- 69 Divulge
- 70 — Lama
- 72 Cocktail ingredient
- 74 It makes candy dandy
- 75 Austen title start
- 76 "The Rose Tattoo" actress
- 78 Christened
- 79 "Elephant Boy" star
- 85 Wine and dine
- 88 Moral man?
- 89 Stowe sight
- 91 A swan was her swain

92 Summer-time treats

- 93 Lamebrain
- 95 Russian space station
- 97 Tranquil
- 99 Lilly of pharmaceuticals
- 100 Morning wear
- 102 4 p.m. vehicle?
- 104 Muslim dietary term
- 108 Sgt. or cpl.
- 109 Like lemons
- 111 WWII admiral
- 113 Shorten a sail
- 114 Threat words
- 115 Desire deified
- 116 Looked longingly
- 118 — a customer
- 123 Concerning
- 124 Lightweight gun
- 125 Large herring
- 127 Whirl
- 128 Christiania, today
- 130 Affliction
- 132 Wolfram — Eschenbach
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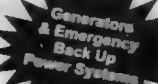
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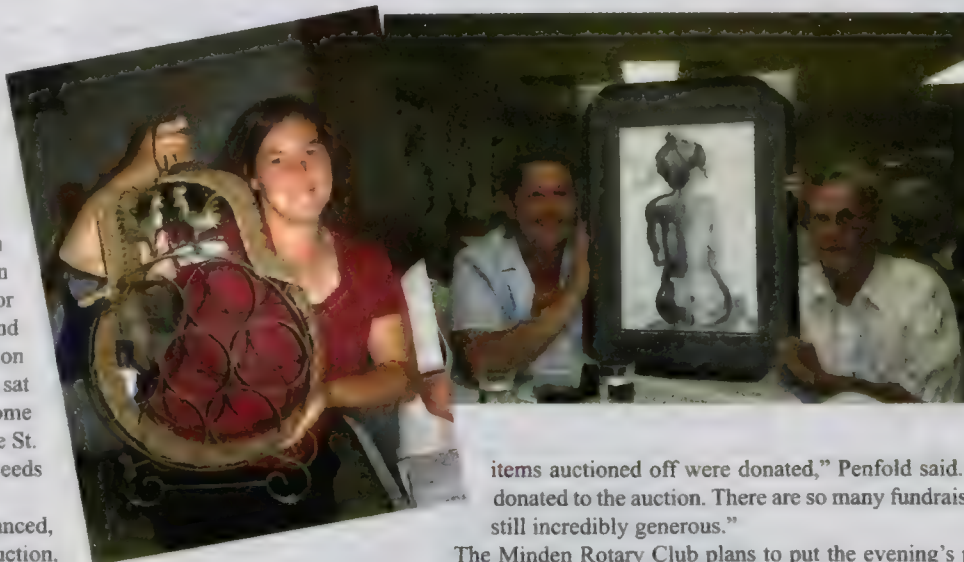
Tyson Farrell
County Voice

The Minden Community Centre was a busy place on Saturday evening as more than 250 people attended the Minden Rotary Club's 11th annual auction. The auction is the club's biggest annual event, raising funds for various community programmes. The auction was a resounding success this year, raising approximately \$12,000.

The evening began at 5:30 with a silent auction which contained hundreds of items. There was everything from pottery, car tune ups, dinners, and antique dolls, to lawn ornaments, tools, puzzles, and butcher shop gift certificates for sale. The diverse items generated a great deal of interest, and people vigorously bid on many items. After the silent auction there were multiple raffles, and a 50-50 draw. The crowd then sat down for a dinner of roast beef, followed by a dessert of home made pie. The meal was made entirely by volunteers from the St. Paul's Anglican Church. Dinner tickets cost \$20, and all proceeds went to the church.

After dinner, the winners of the silent auction were announced, and the victors claimed their items. Then came the Loonie auction, which the crowd greatly enjoyed. Many items, such as birdhouses, and gift packages were sold. Next came the live auction, which is when things really began to heat up. Minden's Norm Mills acted as auctioneer and he had people bidding fast and furious. There were no holds barred, and prices soared as people tried to outbid each other. Many great items were auctioned off, including rounds of golf, Limberlost chairs, tours of wineries, and an all exclusive adventure at Prentice Power Sports.

"The auction is a great event because there is such a wide variety of items for sale," said



items auctioned off were donated," Penfold said. "I was amazed by how many items people donated to the auction. There are so many fundraisers and events in the county, yet people were still incredibly generous."

The Minden Rotary Club plans to put the evening's proceeds to good use. This year they intend to support the Minden River walk, the Children's Water Festival, the County fair, art programmes, and several other events. "We try to strengthen and help the community," Penfold said. "People are willing to spend money at the auction because they know that it's for a good cause."

All Minden Rotary members agreed that the evening was a huge success. "We seem to raise more money each year," Penfold said. "Everybody was very satisfied with the evening. It was hard work, but we all agree that it was well worth it." ■

incoming Minden Rotary President Joanna Penfold. "It appeals to a lot of different people. Some are interested in purchasing a piece of art, while others are more interested in getting an oil change for their car. We offer a lot of things that can be used everyday."

Penfold credits the evening's success to the hard work of numerous volunteers. "The event was manned entirely by church and Rotary volunteers. As always, Rotary's Jean Anthon really spearheaded the organization of the event. Local businesses and citizens were also extremely important. All of the



Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

On June 20, 1975, "Jaws," a film directed by Steven Spielberg that made countless viewers afraid to go into the water, opens in theaters. The story of a great white shark that terrorizes a New England resort town was the highest-grossing film in movie history until it was bested by 1977's "Star Wars."

On June 21, 1964, three young civil-rights workers working to register black voters are killed by a Ku Klux Klan lynch mob near Meridian, Miss. Deputy sheriff Cecil Price, who was a Klan member, pulled them over for speeding, then held them in custody while other KKK members prepared for their murder.

On June 22, 1937, in Chicago's Comiskey Park, Joe Louis wins the world heavyweight boxing title when he defeats Jim Braddock in an eighth-round knockout. Louis was the first black heavyweight champ since Jack Johnson, who lost the title in 1915.

On June 23, 1992, Mafia boss John Gotti, nicknamed the "Teflon Don" after escaping unscathed from several trials during the 1980s, is sentenced to life in prison without possibility of parole after being found guilty on 14 counts of conspiracy to commit murder and racketeering.

On June 24, 1987, comedian, actor and musician Jackie Gleason dies. He was one of TV's most popular stars in a number of shows, including "The Honeymooners" and "The Jackie Gleason Show," which ran throughout most of the 1950s and '60s.

On June 25, 1967, the Beatles record "All You Need Is Love" in front of an international television audience. The six-minute version recorded on the TV show, however, was cut down to four minutes for its release as a single.

On June 26, 1948, U.S. and British pilots begin delivering food and supplies by airplane to Berlin after the city is isolated by a Soviet Union blockade. By July 15, an average of 2,500 tons of supplies was being flown into the city every day, with planes landing every four minutes round the clock.



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Turning Trash to Treasure

Weather Doesn't Scare Off Those Looking For a Good Deal

Given the dreary weather forecast last Saturday, the annual Trash and Treasure Sale at Head Lake Park went surprisingly well.

With a total of 28 vendors, this year's event wasn't as large as past sales have been, however, Laurie Jones, Executive Director of the Rails End Gallery, still considered it a success.

"It was fantastic. I think that the vendors did well," said Jones.

Jones points out that about 100 people went through the Rails End Gallery because of the Trash and Treasure Sale.

This was the ninth year for this popular fundraising event.

Booth prices at the sale ranged between \$35 and \$75. Non-profit groups were able to obtain their booths for half price because they were fundraising. Some of these groups included: Environment Haliburton, FUME (Fight Uranium Mining and Exploration) and NewFanglers.

Proceeds will go to support public programming for families and children at the Gallery. ■



Going Green at the Kinark Outdoor Centre

Family Planting Day and Race Toyota Cheque Presentation

People were busy getting "green" at the Kinark Outdoor Centre in Minden last Saturday for a family planting day. At the event, John DeRusha of Race Toyota presented the centre with a \$1,700 cheque on behalf of Toyota and the Evergreen Foundation to make the place greener.

According to Carmen Hanak, Business Manager of the Kinark Outdoor Centre, 420 species of shrubs and trees were planted.

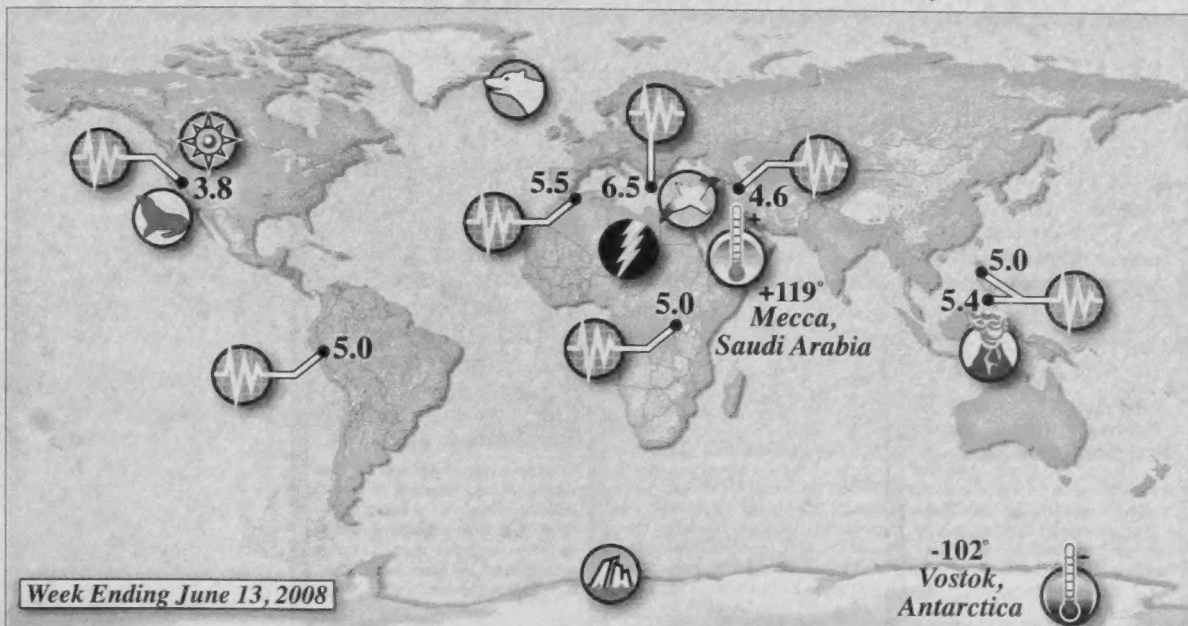
The Evergreen Foundation supports organizations who want to green up their areas. The Kinark Outdoor Centre received funding to focus on their permaculture plan at the Sustainable Living Centre and the EcoClassroom.

In the afternoon, kids learned about red wiggler worms and vermicomposting from Cathy Nesbitt of Cathy's Crawly Composters through stories and by building their own composter of worms. ■



Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Sunspot Drought



Space scientists are scratching their head, trying to explain why the sun remains eerily quiet despite being at a time when sunspots should be becoming more frequent. The sun passed the low point of its 11-year cycle of sunspot activity last year. The first sunspot of the new cycle was spotted in January, but solar observers say our star has been almost free of such activity since then. "It continues to be dead," said Saku Tsuneta with Japan's National Astronomical Observatory while attending a solar conference in Montana. Scientists there said they don't believe the lack of sunspots means that an event known as the Maunder minimum is beginning. That phenomenon produced a lack of sunspots for 50 years in the 17th century, resulting in what is referred to as the "Little Ice Age." This cycle is just simply "off to a slow start," said NASA physicist David Hathaway.

Illuminating Darkest Africa



Legislators from several African nations heard a proposal to develop a network of solar power stations across the Sahara, which would be capable of providing electricity to the continent's 600 million citizens currently without power. A representative of the Trans-Mediterranean Renewable Energy Cooperation (TREC) told the gathering in Nairobi that the project could even provide excess capacity to the European power grid. TREC proposes establishing concentrating solar thermal power stations across North Africa in conjunction with wind, biomass, geothermal and hydro generation on each side of the Mediterranean. Solar plants built near the coast could also remove salt from seawater as a byproduct of the process.

Cypriot Bird Slaughter



An international bird conservation group reports that more than 1 million migratory birds were illegally trapped and killed in Cyprus during the past year to be served up as local delicacies. Birdlife Cyprus says the birds were indiscriminately killed in nets or on sticks dipped in sticky lime. Songbirds are a popular dish on the Mediterranean island, which lies on a key migratory route. Diners often pay up to \$7 per fried or grilled bird at restaurants that ignore Cyprus' ban on the killing and selling of wild birds. Birdlife says birds are often lured into the nets and traps by songbird recordings, and suffer a lingering and painful deaths.

Earthquakes



A strong quake that rocked Greece's Peloponnese region killed two people and left more than 30 others injured. The shaking caused about 30 houses to collapse.

- Eleven people were injured in northern Algeria by a 5.3 magnitude quake on June 6.

- Earth movements were also felt in northwest Iran, the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, the central and southern Philippines, central Peru and around Reno, Nevada.

Glacial Earthquakes



Antarctic researchers have tracked down the source of mysterious tremors that were first detected by seismographs deployed on the icy continent beginning in 2001 — sudden advances of glacial rivers spilling into the ocean. These dailyglacial earthquakes regularly register magnitude of up to 7. Other researchers say such seismic signals from glacial movement have been increasing worldwide due to a warming climate.

Red Tide Defects



Increasing algal blooms, or red tides, in California's coastal waters are responsible for more frequent epileptic seizures and behavioral abnormalities being observed in the region's sea lion population, according to marine biologists. Toxins created by the phytoplankton blooms are eaten by fish, which are then often consumed by pregnant sea lions. The toxins alter seal fetal development, and result in birth defects that cause the seizures and odd behavior later in life, according to NOAA's Center for Environmental Health and Biomolecular Research.

Indonesian Eruption



Indonesia's Mount Souptan erupted with clouds of hot ash that soared high above Sulawesi Island. Some of the ash fell on nearby villages, but officials said the mountain's rumblings did not warrant evacuations.

Icelandic Welcome



Animal rights activists expressed outrage at the killing of an adult polar bear that appears to have managed to swim around 200 miles from Greenland to Iceland before being shot dead by marksmen. The animal was thought to be the first to reach the North Atlantic island in at least 15 years, and a local police officer claimed it was a danger to gathering human sightseers. Authorities have been criticized for not keeping the public away from the unique visitor, and for not using a tranquilizer instead of lethal force. The last sighting of a polar bear around Iceland was in 1993, when sailors spotted a bear swimming off the coast, and shot it.

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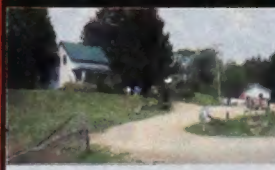
Beautiful R2000 Royal "Manitou" home situated on 2 acres with access to Beach Lake close by. This 3 bdrm home has a sunken living room, open concept kitchen/living room. Included is a wood stove for those chilly nights, HRV system, and a propane furnace.
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Custom home on a beautiful private 28 acre lot which backs onto crown land. The home features pine cathedral ceilings, bright open concept with large windows and a new ensuite bath off the master bdrm. The property has a large hardwood bush, some cleared areas.
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Open concept three bdrm cottage on large lot with acreage. Fabulous lake views from deck. Living room and dining room have access to large deck through sliding door. New septic installed, requires plumbing chamber and hook up, also need bathroom.
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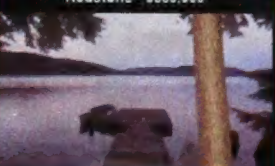
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THANK YOU

The Haliburton Curling Club wishes to thank all the patrons and exhibitors who came to the very successful 2008 Home and Cottage Show. We extend special thanks to Haliburton Foodland, Haliburton Home Hardware, Kosy Korner Restaurant and Sir Sandford Fleming College. Last but not least, thank you to the curling club volunteers who helped set up and worked the show. Door Prize Winners: 1) Shop Vac- H. Storey, 2) Slow cooker- D. McMullan 3) Coffee Maker- J. Hussey june c 08



Engagement



Mike and Joanne Vanier are very happy to announce the engagement of their son Dan to Jennie Loomis, daughter of Fran and Sue Loomis of Waterville Quebec. The wedding is planned for May 2009.

Thank You

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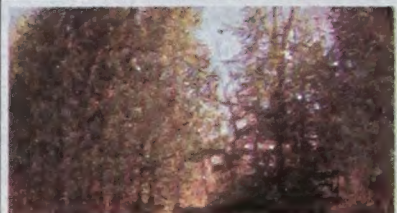
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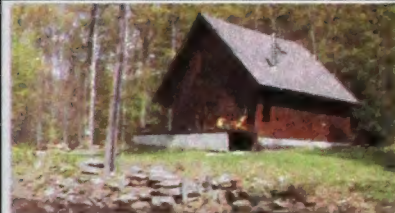
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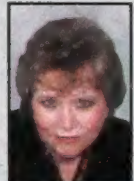
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